



Army Pfc. Bradley Manning, right, is escorted into a courthouse in Fort Meade, Md., Tuesday, May 21, 2013, before a pretrial military hearing. Associated Press

## Bradley Manning trial begins three years after arrest

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**FORT MEADE, Maryland (AP)** — Army Pfc. Bradley Manning goes on trial Monday more than three years after he was arrested in Iraq and charged in the biggest leak of classified information in U.S. history. Manning has admitted to sending troves of material to the anti-secrecy website WikiLeaks and pleaded guilty to charges that would send him to prison for up to 20 years. The U.S. military and the Obama administration weren't satisfied, though, and pursued a charge of aiding the enemy, which carries a potential life sentence. The trial on that most serious charge and 20 other offenses begins Monday for the 25-year-old former intelligence analyst from Oklahoma. It's the most high-profile case for an administration that has come under criticism for its crackdown on leakers.

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A helicopter pulls water out of Hughes Lake to fight what has been called the Powerhouse fire in Lake Hughes, Calif., late Sunday afternoon, June 2, 2013. Associated Press

## Thousands evacuated as crews fight wildfire

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**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — A wildfire that destroyed at least six homes, damaged 15 others and threatened hundreds more grew quickly as it triggered evacuations for nearly 3,000 people and burned dangerously close to communities in the parched mountains north of Los Angeles. The blaze had burned about 40 square miles (103 sq. kilometers) of very dry

brush in the Angeles National Forest mountains and canyons, some of which hadn't burned since 1929. The fire was growing so fast, and the smoke was so thick, that it was difficult to map the size, U.S. Forest Service Incident Commander Norm Walker said. "This is extremely old, dry fuel," Walker said at an afternoon news conference. The fire, which was 20 percent contained, appeared to be the fiercest of several burning in the West, includ-

ing two in New Mexico, where thick smoke covered several communities and set a blanket of haze over Santa Fe on Saturday. Crews fighting the two uncontained wildfires focused Sunday on building protection lines around them amid anticipation that a forecast of storms could bring moisture to help reduce the intensity of the fires. The fire raging in Southern California had crews fighting the fire on four fronts, with the flames spreading

quickest northward into unoccupied land, authorities said. But populated areas about 50 miles (80 kilometers) north of downtown LA remained in danger, with more than 2,800 people and 700 homes under evacuation orders in the communities of Lake Hughes and Lake Elizabeth, sheriff's Lt. David Coleman said. They wouldn't be allowed to return home until at least Monday and possibly Tuesday, Coleman said. □



# Cybersecurity tops Obama's agenda for China talks

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — President Barack Obama will be looking for signs from China's leader at their upcoming meeting that Beijing is ready to address its reported high-tech spying, which the White House sees as a top threat to the U.S. economy and national security.

The talks between Obama and Chinese President Xi Jinping will be followed by a July meeting between U.S. and Chinese officials focusing on cyberespionage, along with other strategic and economic issues. Secretary of State John Kerry announced the U.S.-China meetings when he visited Beijing in April.

The summit Friday and Saturday at a California estate also is aimed at establishing personal ties between Obama and Xi as relations between the two global powers grow increasingly complex.

Obama needs Xi's help in stemming nuclear threats from North Korea and Iran, combating the violence in Syria, and continuing the U.S. economic recovery.

The meeting at the 200-acre Sunnylands estate once owned by late publishing tycoon Walter Annenberg is their first since Xi took power in March. The talks also are coming months before the leaders originally had planned to meet, underscoring growing concern in both countries about potential fractures in the relationship.

Cybersecurity is likely to be the prickliest issue, given new reports on the extent and regularity of China's cyberhacking and increasing interest in Congress about how the U.S. can punish Beijing for its actions. The Chinese government denies it engages in such spying against the U.S. But analysts say Beijing has started to indicate some willingness to address the problem during private talks with Kerry, national security adviser Tom Donilon and others.

The Chinese have been "much more positive in



**In this Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2012, U.S. President Barack Obama meets with then-Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington.**

private meetings," James Lewis, a cybersecurity expert and former State Department official. The goal during Obama's meeting, Lewis said, will be to "test whether the Chinese have really moved to a better position where they want to engage."

A senior Obama administration official said that in recent talks, the Chinese seem to be less dismissive of U.S. concerns about cyberattacks, but that the matter would be not settled in one meeting.

Despite subtle signs of progress in private talks, security analysts say there is little evidence that Chinese-based hacking has eased.

"If the Chinese government wanted to signal to the United States that it wanted to curb its activity, the U.S. government would see it and we would see it," said Richard Bejtlich, chief security officer at the U.S.-based firm Mandiant. "But it's the same as it's always been."

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said Saturday at a security conference in Singapore that the U.S. has expressed its concerns about "the growing threat

of cyberintrusions, some of which appear to be tied to the Chinese government and military."

Obama and Xi were not expected to meet until September, on the sidelines of an international economic summit in St. Petersburg, Russia. But the U.S. saw signs that Xi was able to organize his government more quickly than previous Chinese leaders, according to the administration official, and that led the U.S. to conclude that it was best for Obama to meet Xi as early as possible.

The official insisted on anonymity in order to discuss internal administration discussions.

The White House hopes the relaxed setting at Sunnylands will lend itself to a more direct and free-flowing discussion. The presidents' wives will join them at the estate.

"The meeting represents a huge investment by both sides in the relationship and the health of the relationship," said Nina Hachigian, a China expert at the Center for American Progress. "This is viewed as extremely special by the Chinese side."

The logistics of Xi's visit have been negotiated intensely, as is the case with all meetings between the U.S. and China. The Chinese government often pushes for limited media access, though the White House said Friday that U.S. officials were working to arrange an opportunity for reporters to ask questions of the two leaders at the end of the summit.

President George W. Bush held a somewhat similar meeting in 2002 when he hosted then-Chinese President Jiang Zemin at Bush's ranch in Crawford, Texas. There's little expectation the summit will result in any concrete policy decisions. But Kurt Campbell, who until recently served as assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, said the discussions on both cybersecurity and North Korea have a "real potential for progress, not because of some enormous good will, but because China is badly positioned on both."

In a shift from his predecessor, Xi has taken a stern tone with North Korea. He has told the North to return to nuclear talks with the U.S.

and other world powers, and has warned its young leader that no country "should be allowed to throw a region and even the whole world into chaos for selfish gain."

The U.S. long has pushed China to take more aggressive action against North Korea and welcomed Xi's comments. China is the North's strongest ally and biggest trading partner.

Financial issues also are expected to be a prominent topic in the talks between the leaders of the world's largest economies. Xi probably will press China's claims of business discrimination in the U.S. market.

Xi is likely to express deep discomfort over Washington's shifting of military assets to Asia and renewed emphasis on alliances with other countries within the region. At the Singapore conference, a Chinese military leader questioned the expanded U.S. role in the Pacific after Hagel said he hoped for better military ties between the two countries.

Xi and Obama first met last year when Xi, then vice president, visited the White House. □

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The six prosecutions since Obama took office is more than in all other presidencies combined. Manning chose to have his court-martial heard by a judge instead of a jury. It is expected to run all summer.

In February, Manning told military judge Army Col. Denise Lind that he leaked the material to expose the American military's "bloodlust" and disregard for human life in Iraq and Afghanistan. He said he did not believe the information would harm the U.S. and he wanted to start a debate on the role of the military and foreign policy.

The judge accepted his guilty plea to reduced charges for about half of the alleged offenses, but prosecutors did not and moved forward with a court-martial on charges including violations of the Espionage Act and the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act.

Manning's supporters hail him as a whistleblowing hero and a political prisoner. Others view him as a traitor.

U.S. officials have said the more than 700,000 Iraq and Afghanistan battlefield reports and State Department cables sent to WikiLeaks endangered lives and national security. The material WikiLeaks began publishing in 2010 documented complaints of Iraqi detainee abuses; a U.S. tally of civilian deaths in Iraq; and America's weak support for the government of Tunisia — a disclosure

Manning supporters said encouraged the popular uprising that ousted the Tunisian president in 2011 and helped trigger the Middle Eastern pro-democracy uprisings known as the Arab Spring. Last month, the government agreed to accept Manning's guilty plea for one lesser version of one count, involving a single diplomatic cable summarizing U.S. embassy discussions with Icelandic officials about the country's financial troubles.

Manning also acknowledged sending WikiLeaks unclassified video of a 2007 U.S. Apache helicopter attack that killed civilians, including a Reuters photographer. An internal military investigation concluded the troops reasonably mistook the camera equipment for weapons; WikiLeaks dubbed the video "Collateral Murder." The release of the cables and video embarrassed the U.S. and its allies. The Obama administration has said it threatened valuable military and diplomatic sources and strained America's relations with other governments, but the specific amount of damage hasn't been publicly revealed and probably won't be during the trial.

Lind ruled the extent of any damage is irrelevant. Defense attorney David Coombs contends it was minimal.

Much of the evidence is classified, which means large portions of the trial are likely to be closed to reporters and the public. □

# Bernanke offers wisdom but no hint of Fed moves

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Ben Bernanke gave the graduating class of Princeton University one of the more unusual speeches for a Federal Reserve chairman: He quoted everyone from Lily Tomlin to Forrest Gump and scarcely mentioned economics.

Bernanke's words are normally scrutinized by global investors for hints about the Fed's possible next move. But in his address Sunday on Princeton's campus in New Jersey, he specifically cautioned that his comments "have nothing whatsoever to do with interest rates." Instead, he took a poke at his profession.

"Economics," Bernanke told the graduates, "is a highly sophisticated field of thought that is superb at explaining to policymakers precisely why the choices they made in the past were wrong."

"About the future, not so much."

Bernanke also offered nothing that could be taken as a signal of when the Fed might begin to taper its \$85 billion-a-month in bond purchases. Those purchases have been intended to keep loan costs at record lows to encourage borrowing and spending.

The stock and bond markets have been rattled by speculation that the Fed will start to scale back its bond purchases later this year. Once the Fed does so, interest rates would likely creep up.

Bernanke, wearing a black robe, delivered the baccalaureate address to about 1,300 graduates seated in University Chapel. He was introduced by Princeton University President Shirley M. Tilghman, who said that Bernanke's academic research into the Great Depression while he was teaching at Princeton had prepared him to guide the U.S. economy as Fed chairman during the 2007-2009 Great Recession.



Princeton University's Dr. Jeff Nunokawa, Professor of English, holds the the school's ceremonial mace as Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman of the Federal Reserve lead the processional out of Princeton University Chapel after giving the Baccalaureate address during an interfaith service in Princeton, N.J. Sunday, June 2, 2013.

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In his speech, Bernanke had a little fun with the culture of Washington, where he has spent nearly 11 years.

"In regard to politics, I have always liked Lily Tomlin's line, in paraphrase, 'I try to be cynical, but I just can't keep up,'" he said.

Bernanke said it's his impression that most Washington politicians and policymakers try to do the right thing most of the time.

"Public service isn't easy," he said.

"But in the end, if you are inclined in that direction, it is a worthy and challenging pursuit."

The chairman delivered his remarks in a speech titled "The Ten Suggestions," a play on the Ten Commandments. He urged the new graduates to be open to surprises that are sure to come their way, invoking the line from the movie "Forrest Gump" about "life and boxes of chocolates and not knowing what you are going to get."

Bernanke kidded the graduates' parents about the financial strains of sending

children to Princeton. He said someone who had sent three children to the Ivy League school once told him that financially, it was like "buying a new Cadillac every year and then driving it off a cliff."

The Fed chairman has given no indication what he plans to do when his current term ends in January. If Bernanke chooses not to remain at the Fed for another term, there has been speculation that he might return to Princeton, where he spent 17 years as a professor. But he might have sent a hint in one of his jests Sunday.

"I wrote recently to inquire about the status of my leave from the university," Bernanke said.

"The letter I got back began, 'Regrettably, Princeton receives many more qualified applicants for faculty positions than we can accommodate.'"

Bernanke felt the need to add in a footnote to the printed copy of his speech that this remark was a joke, since his leave from Princeton expired in 2005. □





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# Senator: Immigration bill to pass Senate by July 4

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WASHINGTON (AP) — A lawmaker who helped negotiate a bipartisan bill to overhaul the U.S. immigration system predicted on Sunday that comprehensive legislation would overwhelmingly pass the Senate by July 4 while House Republicans cautioned that they would write their own version, one piece at a time.

Democratic Sen. Chuck Schumer of New York said he anticipates as many as 70 of the 100 senators will vote for the measure heading to the full Senate on June 10. Even if it passes there, the proposal faces tough prospects in the Republican-led House of Representatives, where lawmakers are at work on their own piecemeal approach that could stall a pathway to citizenship for the estimated 11 million immigrants living in this country illegally.

"We are moving forward because we believe in a bipartisan way this is so vital for America, and we'll have a good bill," Schumer said, pledging to allow colleagues to amend the legislation.

Not so fast, House lawmakers cautioned.

"That Senate bill is not going to move in the House," said Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, a Florida Republican.

For months, four Democratic senators met with four Republican colleagues behind closed doors and developed a proposal that would enact new border controls and enforcement mechanisms in the workplace, allow tens of thousands of workers into the country legally for high- and low-skilled jobs and create a 13-year path to citizenship for those already living here illegally. It passed through the Senate Judiciary Committee last month by a vote of 13 to 5; three Republicans joined the Democratic majority.

House lawmakers, though, have pledged to put together their own measure — likely taking components of the comprehensive Senate plan one at a time and adding their own priorities.

"We think it's better to do it with a step-by-step approach," said House Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte of Virginia.

"We'll continue down that path, but the final outcome in terms of the form of the legislation is not yet known," Goodlatte added.



In this May 9, 2013, file photo Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., left, confers with Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., as the Senate Judiciary Committee meets on immigration reform on Capitol Hill in Washington.

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Democrats and Republicans alike recognized the political potency of the issue. The Senate, led by Democrats, is putting added pressure on the House, led by Speaker John Boehner.

"Congressman Boehner is in a box. There are about 60 or 70 of his people who are

against any immigration reform. But at the same time, he knows that the Republican Party will be consigned to a minority party for a generation if they're anti-immigration," Schumer said.

In 2012, President Barack Obama won re-election with 71 percent of Hispanic voters and 73 percent of Asian voters backing him. A thwarted immigration overhaul could send those voting blocs more solidly to Democrats' side in future elections. That has led some Republican lawmakers to support immigration reform, but the party's conservative base still opposes any legislation that would create a pathway to citizenship for immigrants living here illegally.

"We are hard at work on this

problem. We have a broken immigration system in the country, it needs to be fixed, our legal immigration, our enforcement and figuring out the appropriate legal status for people who are not lawfully present in the United States all need to be addressed," Goodlatte said.

But it is unlikely to be a sweeping answer in the House, lawmakers said.

"I don't know if we'll have comprehensive reform or we will have it piece-by-piece. But that Senate bill may not even pass the Senate itself," Ros-Lehtinen said.

Schumer spoke to NBC's "Meet the Press." Ros-Lehtinen was interviewed on CNN's "State of the Union." Goodlatte was on "Fox News Sunday." □

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# Long-awaited Bulger murder trial to begin in U.S.

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**BOSTON (AP)** — James "Whitey" Bulger is no longer the feared man who swaggered around South Boston and later became one of the nation's most-wanted fugitives.

At 83, the bright platinum hair that earned Bulger his nickname is all but gone and his reputed status as the leader of a violent gang has passed.

But as Bulger's long-awaited trial gets under way, it's clear that the passage of time has done little to diminish Boston's fascination with Bulger.

"He's a survivor. He's had a very long shelf life in a profession where that is not typical," said Dick Lehr, who has co-written two books about Bulger, including the biography "Whitey: The Life of America's Most Notorious Mob Boss."

"The many faces of Whitey make him intriguing," Lehr said.

Those faces include his early image as a modern-day Robin Hood and harmless tough guy who gave turkey dinners to his working-class neighbors for the Thanksgiving holiday and kept drug dealers out of the neighborhood. That image was crushed when authorities began digging up bodies.

Bulger would eventually be charged with playing a role in 19 murders but fled in late 1994 after former FBI Agent John Connolly Jr. tipped him off that he was about to be indicted. He remained a fugitive for more than 16 years before finally being captured in

Santa Monica, California, in 2011.

Bulger's trial, set to begin this week with jury selection, promises to have all the glamour and gore of a TV mob drama. Prosecutors plan to call a collection of infamous mob figures, including Bulger's former partner, Stephen "The Rifleman" Flemmi, who is now serving a life sentence for 10 murders and admitted pulling the teeth out of some of the gang's victims, including his own girlfriend. Former hit man John Martorano, who admitted killing 20 people, will also take the stand, as will Kevin Weeks, a former Bulger lieutenant who eventually led authorities to half a dozen bodies.

Bulger's lawyers have made it clear that they will attack the credibility of men they describe as "once-reviled criminal defendants" whom prosecutors have eagerly transformed into "loyal government witnesses."

"The government now offers these men as witnesses against James Bulger with no apparent regard for their complete lack of credibility," attorneys J.W. Carney Jr. and Hank Brennan wrote in a recent court filing.

Bulger, who grew up in a South Boston housing project, earned his first arrests as a juvenile and went on to serve time in Alcatraz and other federal prisons for bank robberies. He became one of the most notorious criminals in Boston, while his younger brother, William Bulger, became one of the most powerful

politicians in Massachusetts, leading the state Senate for 17 years. William Bulger is expected to attend his brother's trial.

"If you go back to his childhood, he was nothing more than an incorrigible juvenile who was destined to go on to live a life of criminality, and that's exactly what he did," said Tom Duffy, a retired state police major who was one of the lead Bulger investigators.

Bulger, an inspiration for the 2006 Martin Scorsese film, "The Departed," headed the Winter Hill Gang, a largely Irish gang that ran loan-sharking, gambling and drug rackets.

"I think his basic credo was to live your life in a Machiavellian way. As a result of

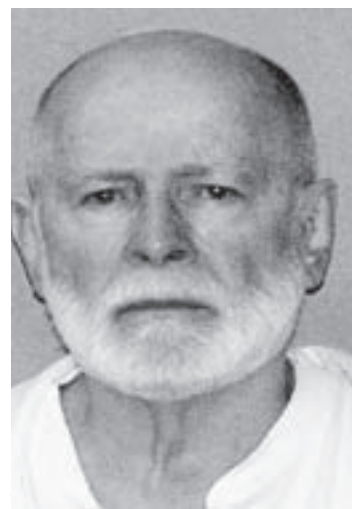


photo provided by the U.S. Marshals Service shows James "Whitey" Bulger, one of the FBI's Ten Most Wanted fugitives, captured in Santa Monica, Calif., after 16 years on the run.

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that, he put a great emphasis on intimidation and deception. □

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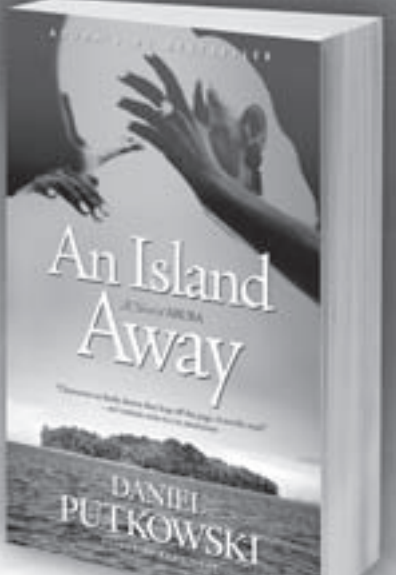
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## 3 veteran storm chasers killed by Oklahoma tornado



This undated photo provided by The Discovery Channel shows Carl Young, left, and Tim Samaras watching the sky.

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Three veteran storm chas-

ers were among the 10 people killed when a violent tornado barreled into the Oklahoma City metro

area.

Jim Samaras told The Associated Press on Sunday that his brother Tim Samaras, 54, of Bennett, Colorado, was killed Friday. Tim Samaras' son, 24-year-old Paul Samaras, also of Bennett; and another chaser, Carl Young, also died.

The Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Oklahoma, said it believed the deaths were the first time scientific researchers were killed while chasing tornadoes. The Samaras' and Young were pursuing an EF3 tornado as it bore down on a metropolitan area of more than 1 million people.

"He looked at tornadoes not for the spotlight of TV

but for the scientific aspect. At the end of the day, he wanted to save lives and he gave the ultimate sacrifice for that," Jim Samaras said about his brother.

The classic movie "The Wizard of Oz" fascinated a then-6-year-old Tim Samaras, his brother said — not for the magical Emerald City, but by what took Dorothy there, the storm.

"He didn't give a crap about Toto, he didn't give a crap about the Munchkins," Jim Samaras said.

The Storm Prediction Center issued a statement Sunday, saying it was terribly saddened by Tim Samaras' death.

"Samaras was a respected tornado researcher and friend ... who brought to the field a unique portfolio of expertise in engineering, science, writing and videography," the center's statement said.

Tim Samaras had appeared on the Discovery Channel's "Storm Chasers" show until last year and also contributed to the National Geographic Society. "We are deeply saddened by the loss of Tim Samaras, his son Paul and their colleague Carl Young. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families," Discovery Channel spokeswoman Laurie Goldberg said. □

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## Damaging storms moving through east, south

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**PORTLAND, Maine (AP)**

— Damaging winds flattened trees and utility wires and knocked out power in parts of the Northeast, flights were delayed in New York City and a tornado touched down in South Carolina as the East Coast weathered the remnants of violent storms that claimed 13 lives in Oklahoma.

Heavy rain, thunderstorms, high winds and hail moved through sections of the Northeast on Sunday afternoon, leaving 30,000 in Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine still without power late that night. The National Weather Service issued a rare tornado warning as a line of thunderstorms raced through New Hampshire into western Maine. The

weather service said a tornado warning was issued as radar indicated a possible tornado moving from Kingfield, Maine, to Bingham, Maine. The tornado was not immediately confirmed.

In northwestern South Carolina, a tornado knocked a home off its foundation and blew part of the roof off, said Taylor Jones, director of emergency management for Anderson County. Some trees were blown down and there was heavy rain, but no widespread damage. No injuries were reported.

"It was an isolated incident," Jones said.

The weather service said thunderstorms and winds in excess of 60 mph in Vermont produced 1-inch-di-

ameter hail and knocked down numerous trees and wires. In northern Maine, radar picked up a line of thunderstorms capable of producing quarter-sized hail and winds stronger than 70 mph. Forecasters warned of tornadoes.

The prediction for stormy weather in the New York City region produced backups at major airports. But by just before 10 p.m., the delays that had been up to three hours had eased to 15 minutes or less at John F. Kennedy International, La Guardia Airport and Newark Liberty Airport in New Jersey. In Boston, there were delays up to 45 minutes, and outside Washington, delays were up to nearly two hours at Dulles Airport. □



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## Palestinian president appoints new prime minister

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**Associated Press**

**RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP)**

— The Palestinian president on Sunday picked a little-known academic as his new prime minister, according to the official government news agency, following the resignation of his chief rival.

Mahmoud Abbas appointed Rami Hamdallah to replace Salam Fayyad, a respected U.S.-educated economist. Fayyad frequently clashed with Abbas and was seen as being too independent.

Appointing Hamdallah is likely to shore up the president's power, because he is seen as being more pliant. The new prime minister was tasked with forming a new government of technocrats, not politicians.

Hamdallah is a member of the Fatah Party led by Abbas. He has no prior political or government experience.

Like Fayyad, Hamdallah is widely respected.

He is a British-educated English professor and has been dean of the Palestinian al-Najah University in the West Bank for the past 15 years. He has served as the secretary general of the Palestinian central elections commission since 2002. He has also held a series of prominent roles in university associations, according to his curriculum vitae, published on the al-Najah University website.

It was not clear how the move would affect the in-

ternational standing of Abbas. Fayyad enjoyed wide support of the international community, particularly the United States, for moving to clean up the Palestinians' unwieldy bureaucracy and clamping down on corruption during his six years in power.

The move comes as the U.S. tries to revive Israeli-Palestinian peace talks.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry congratulated Hamdallah in a statement Sunday night and said that his appointment comes at a challenging time but that it created an opportunity.

"Together, we can choose the path of a negotiated two-state settlement that will allow Palestinians to fulfill their legitimate aspirations, and continue building the institutions of a sovereign and independent Palestinian state that will live in peace, security, and economic strength alongside Israel," the statement said.

Kerry hopes to win Israeli approval for Palestinian economic projects in the West Bank. Fayyad, a respected economist, was considered key to overseeing the projects.

The appointment meant that Palestinians are unlikely to head to elections any time soon, keeping Abbas in power as head of the Palestinian Authority, the Western-backed government has a measure of self-rule over Palestinians in the West Bank. His term was supposed to end in 2009.

Palestinians have faced political stagnation since the Islamic militant Hamas seized power in the Gaza Strip five years ago. Efforts to heal the rift and hold elections in both territories have repeatedly failed.

Hamas officials swiftly condemned the appointment of a new prime minister without their consultation and said the move had no legal standing.

"This Cabinet does not represent the Palestinian people," said Hamas government spokesman Taher al-Nunu. "The status of the new Cabinet is illegal."

Israel had no comment. □



In this June 15, 2011 photo, Dr. Rami Hamdallah, left, a president of the al-Najah University attends the graduation ceremony in Nablus.

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# Turkey's PM Erdogan rejects 'dictator' claims

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**ISTANBUL (AP)** — Turkey's prime minister on Sunday rejected claims that he is a "dictator," dismissing protesters as an extremist fringe, even as thousands returned to the landmark Istanbul square that has become the site of the fiercest anti-government outburst in years.

Over the past three days, protesters around the country have unleashed pent-up resentment against Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who after 10 years in office many Turks see as an uncompromising figure with undue influence in every part of life.

A huge, exuberant protest in Taksim Square subsided overnight, but an estimated 10,000 people again streamed into the area on Sunday, many waving flags, chanting "victory, victory, victory" and calling on Erdogan's government to resign.

Some protesters have compared Erdogan to a sultan and denounced him as a dictator. Scrambling to show he was unbowed and appealing to a large base of conservative Turks who support him, Erdogan delivered two speeches on Sunday and appeared in a television interview.

With Turkish media otherwise giving scant reports about the protests, many turned to social media outlets for information on the unrest.

"There is now a menace which is called Twitter," Erdogan said. "The best examples of lies can be found there. To me, social media is the worst menace to society."

Under Erdogan's leader-



**A protester takes cover during clashes with security forces in Ankara, Turkey, Sunday, June 2, 2013.**  
**Associated Press**

ship, Turkey has boosted economic growth and raised its international profile. But he has been a divisive figure at home, with his government recently passing legislation curbing the sale of alcohol and taking a strong stand against the Syrian regime that some believe has put security at risk.

The demonstrations were ignited by a violent police crackdown on a peaceful sit-in to prevent the uprooting of trees at Taksim Square and have since spread around the country. More skirmishes broke out in the capital, Ankara, on Sunday, with police unleashing tear gas at several thousand protesters who tried to march toward Erdogan's office from the city's main square.

A group of youths formed a barricade and hurled fire bombs or threw back gas canisters at police. An Associated Press reporter saw

at least eight injured people being carried away, and police appeared to directly target journalists with tear gas.

Medical students set up a make-shift clinic on the grounds of a nearby university alumni club and took care of demonstrators affected by tear gas.

Selcuk Atalay, secretary general of the Ankara branch of the Turkish Doctors' Association, said 484 protesters have been treated in hospitals in the city since Friday. One demonstrator was in critical condition.

"There are people seriously injured from plastic bullets," Atalay told the AP.

In Istanbul's Taksim Square, dozens of people climbed on the roof of a cultural center that Erdogan says will be demolished and turned into an opera hall. A banner reading "Don't yield" was hung from the building.

"If they call someone who has served the people a 'dictator,' I have nothing to say," Erdogan said in an address to a group representing migrants from the Balkans. "My only concern has been to serve my country."

In another speech delivered an hour later, Erdogan said: "I am not the master of the people.

Dictatorship does not run in my blood or in my character. I am the servant of the people."

Police and protesters also clashed violently on Friday and Saturday, leaving hundreds injured. Clouds of tear gas overwhelmed Istanbul's normally touristy city center.

Interior Minister Muammer Guler said some 1,750 people had been detained since May 28, but most had since been released.

Erdogan called the protests "ideological" and manipulated by an opposition "un-

able to beat (the government) at the ballot box." He said 89 police vehicles, 42 private cars, four buses and 94 businesses were destroyed by the "vandalism" of the past two days.

Alluding to his party's strong base, Erdogan said he had the power to summon much larger numbers of his supporters at rallies.

"Our supporters are calling and saying 'are we going to stay silent?' but I am urging calm," he said in an interview with Haberturk television.

Erdogan reiterated that his government would not back away from plans to uproot trees at Taksim as part of his urban renovation plans for the area. In a statement that could cause more controversy, he also declared that a mosque would be built at Taksim.

The mosque plans have long been contentious because it would further shrink the green spaces in Istanbul's city center. Some argue that there are already plenty of mosques around Taksim.

"I am not going to seek the permission of the (the opposition) or a handful of looters," Erdogan said.

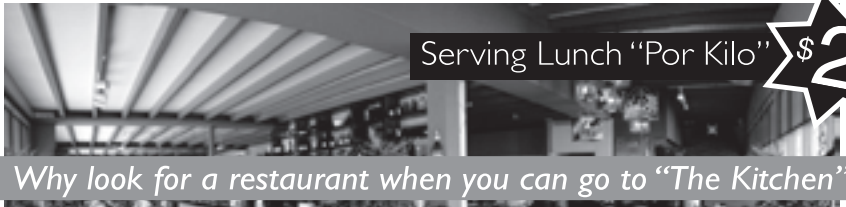
Erdogan also defended his government's environmental record, saying it had planted two billion trees and built 160 parks since coming to office in 2002.

In Berlin meanwhile, about 500 people staged a peaceful solidarity protest outside the Turkish Embassy.

"The people are finally standing up, speaking up and fighting for their rights," said Hakan Tas, a deputy for the Left Party in Berlin's local assembly, who took part in the protest. □



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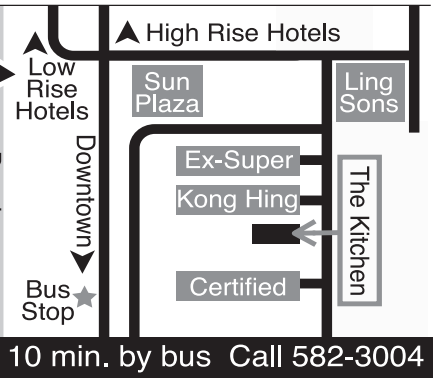


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## Trinidad PM says China offers \$3 billion in loans



China's President Xi Jinping, right, shakes hands with Trinidad & Tobago's Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar upon his arrival to the Diplomatic Center in St. Ann's, Trinidad, Saturday, June 1, 2013. Associated Press

**TONY FRASER**  
Associated Press  
**PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad (AP)** — China's president has offered concessionary loans to nine Caribbean countries totaling some \$3 billion, Trinidad & Tobago's prime minister said Sunday. Details of the offer were

not immediately disclosed after a Sunday luncheon, but Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar told reporters that the loans would be earmarked for infrastructure and development projects across the Caribbean.

"We really welcomed that

generosity," she said. China's ambassador to Trinidad & Tobago, Hung Cao Ming, was also unable to say what specific projects the loans are intended to finance but he said such loans from Beijing are "something that will be increased in the future." Chinese President Xi Jinping and his delegation departed Sunday after meeting with various Caribbean leaders in the capital of Port-of-Spain over the weekend. Trinidad, a leading supplier of natural gas, was the first stop of a four-country trip in the region for Xi. He headed for Costa Rica, and also planned stops in Mexico and the United States. On Saturday, Xi said China

always views its relationship with the Caribbean "from a strategic perspective and we are committed to the building of a comprehensive and cooperative partnership." His visit to Trinidad, a twin-island nation off Venezuela's coast, came a few days after U.S. Vice President Joe Biden met with political leaders from across the Caribbean to sign a trade agreement and discuss a range of security, investment and energy issues. During his stay in Trinidad, Xi also announced that China was awarding a \$250 million loan to build a children's hospital. He signed a memorandum of understanding to advance co-operation in energy, min-

eral and infrastructure development, among other areas. Trinidad has long been a major exporter of natural gas to the United States, but its sales have dropped as U.S. domestic fuel production surges due to new exploration and drilling technology. In recent years, China has stepped up its investments across the region. The Asian economic giant has lent and invested tens of billions of dollars in Latin American countries for a guaranteed flow of commodities. Latin America now imports more from China than it does from the European Union, according to the U.N. economic agency for the region. □

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# Hagel tours new Navy combat vessel

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**Associated Press**

**SINGAPORE (AP)** — U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel toured the U.S. Navy's new small combat ship, the USS Freedom, the first of a new class of littoral warships recently deployed to Asia to partner with allies in the region.

His visit to the ship on Sunday comes amid nagging questions about the cost and viability of the roughly \$34 billion program and whether the Pentagon's plan to buy as many as 52 of the vessels should be chopped by as much as half because of budget constraints.

Docked at Changi Naval Base, the Freedom has been participating in na-



**U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel waits to deliver his keynote address on "The US Approach to Regional Security" at the International Institute for Strategic Studies Shangri-la Dialogue, or IISS Asia Security Summit in Singapore, Saturday, June 1, 2013.**

**Associated Press**

USS Freedom is a bit longer than a football field.

The ship development program, however, has been fraught with cost hikes, design and construction problems and worries that plans to make two versions of the ship are pricey and may not be necessary.

But Lt. Cmdr. Clay Doss told reporters traveling with Hagel that recent maintenance issues are part of the process any vessel goes through when programs are beginning. It's not unusual, he said, for a ship to experience growing pains that have to be worked out during its first deployment.

Doss said the Freedom is scheduled to leave Singapore in December and the second LCS will arrive in August 2014. In mid-2015 the navy expects to have two of the ships in Singapore and the region at the same time.

Hagel is in Singapore to attend the Shangri-La Dialogue security conference as part of a weeklong trip that will also take him to Brussels for a meeting of NATO defense ministers.

According to a Congressional Research Service report issued about a week ago on the program, the Navy plans to buy 52 ships. So far, the U.S. has bought 12, but plans to buy four this year have been complicated by the automatic budget cuts, known at the sequester. The proposed 2014 budget requests about \$1.8 billion for four more.

CRS said there are "concerns over the ships' ability to withstand battle damage, and concerns over whether the ships are sufficiently armed and will be able to perform their stated missions effectively."

val exercises with countries in the region, and going through regular maintenance and logistical checks as part of an effort to work through any problems in its maiden mission. Hagel is the first Pentagon chief to step aboard a littoral combat ship that has deployed, and this was his first visit to any ship as secretary. Former Defense Secretary Robert Gates toured one of the vessels when it was in development at Naval Station Mayport in Florida.

On board the warship, Hagel met with crew members, starting on the deck, where a Black Hawk helicopter stood ready to go, and moving to the bridge and then the compact operations center, with its array of computer stations and displays. He also watched as sailors in a rigid hull inflatable boat demonstrated a launch and landing, easily sliding up into the docking area then

returning out in to the Singapore Strait.

The USS Freedom, with its crew of about 90 sailors, arrived in Singapore on April 18, for the first ever overseas deployment of an LCS. Swift and agile, the smaller ships are designed to operate in littoral waters, which are more shallow and close to shore. Dwarfed by the Navy's larger aircraft carriers and destroyers, the LCS ships give the U.S. the ability to work better with navies from Asian nations — such as Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei and Thailand — that use smaller vessels to patrol the seas or battle piracy. The U.S. Navy's larger ships are often too big to pull into some ports in the region.

With a maximum speed of more than 40 knots — compared to the Navy's larger destroyers and cruisers which travel at about 30 knots — the littoral combat ships are about the size of a Coast Guard cutter. The



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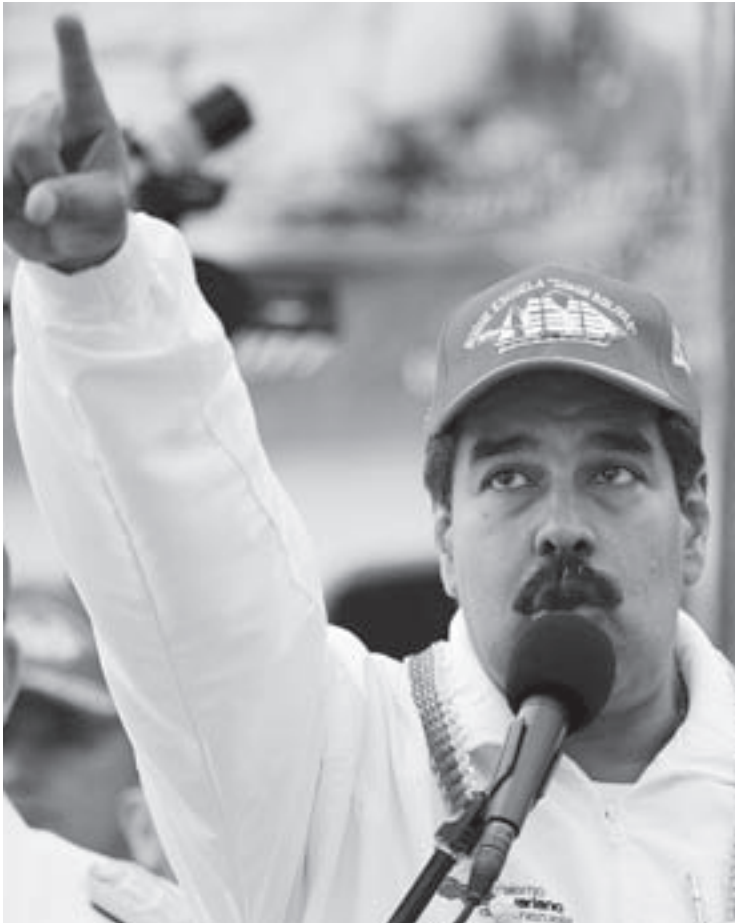
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## Venezuela defense chief rules out military coup



Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro speaks during the departure of Simon Bolivar's school sailing ship at the naval dock in La Guaira Venezuela, Monday, May 20, 2013. The ship with 175 people on board starts his twenty-fifth cruise abroad instruction.

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**CHRISTOPHER TOOTHAKER**  
Associated Press

**CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)**

— Venezuela's defense minister said Sunday that he would never support a military coup to unseat President Nicolas Maduro and has never even entertained the idea.

Adm. Diego Molero also said that Venezuela's military takes advice from Cubans but that they do not influence its decisions.

Molero's statements during a television talk show appear to reflect official concern over the opposition's recent release of a recording allegedly showing an influential pro-government figure discussing coup rumors with a Cuban

intelligence officer, a conversation that seemed to highlight Cuban influence in the oil-rich nation.

In the lengthy conversation, the purported voice of influential TV talk show Mario Silva discusses a power struggle between Maduro and National Assembly president Diosdado Cabello, whom he accuses of conspiring against the president amid rumors of "saber rattling" in the military.

The speaker on the recording suggests Cabello's allies are behind false rumors that Molero might back an attempt to oust Maduro, who is close to Cuba's leaders and is said by analysts to have less backing

in the military. Silva alleged the recording was a fraud, but his show was pulled from state TV after the conversation's release.

Maduro squandered a double-digit lead in less than two weeks, but defeated challenger Henrique Capriles by a razor-thin margin on April 14 in an election to replace the late President Hugo Chavez.

On Sunday, former Vice President Jose Vicente Rangel asked Molero on his talk show if "democratic and institutional stability is guaranteed in Venezuela," if a coup attempt were possible.

Molero turned his head, looked straight into the camera and responded:

"It's impossible."

"I am a loyal guarantor of the constitutional concept that Maduro remain in the government until the people decide otherwise," Molero said, adding for emphasis: "It's impossible that such an idea would go through my head."

Capriles has repeatedly complained about what he calls Cuba's growing influence over Venezuela's government and military under Maduro, whose first postelection foreign trip was to Havana.

Cabello has denied plotting against Maduro and called for unity among the political heirs of Chavez, who are struggling with widespread discontent over worsening food short-

age, rampant power outages and decreasing oil production.

Molero did not provide details regarding Cuban military advice, saying only that Venezuela welcomes it, but makes its own decisions.

Maduro has defended his government's close ties with Cuba, whose economy depends on Venezuelan oil shipments worth \$3.2 billion a year that account for about half its consumption. Cuba partially pays for the oil in a barter deal, sending medics, sports trainers, political advisers and other professionals to Venezuela. The remainder is covered by 25-year, 1 percent interest loans. □



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# How a Myanmar tycoon is profiting from change

ERIKA KINETZ

Associated Press

YANGON, Myanmar

(AP) — Zaw Zaw, one of Myanmar's most successful and notorious businessmen, likes to pick his way at odd hours around the hulking skeleton of his new hotel, rising beside Yangon's main airport road.

The 366-room Novotel holds a story of how one man, who remembers being too poor to afford a soccer ball, built an empire by befriending the military government in what was one of the most oppressive and isolated countries on earth; and how, as Myanmar opens up, he is quickly breaking with the past to embrace a prosperous, cosmopolitan future in which one thing seems certain: He will not lose.

"I am friends with everybody," Zaw Zaw says, a big smile spreading across his youthful face.

The 45-year-old tycoon, who built his fortune capitalizing on Myanmar's old networks of patronage and power, has demonstrated an agility in reconfiguring his business — and image — to suit a new global audience, and at a speed few have matched. As the country emerges from a half century of military rule, his Max Myanmar Group is on track to more than double revenues, according to data he has not made public before.

His ability to ride the waves of change suggests that the old economic order may not be overturned as Myanmar opens its markets and deepens its embrace of democracy. Just as the former military leaders have taken off their uniforms to refashion themselves as civilian lawmakers and bureaucrats, many of Myanmar's dozen or so economic giants are rebranding themselves as entrepreneurs and working hard to take the stink out of the word "crony."

Zaw Zaw, widely regarded as among the cleanest of the bunch, has moved faster — and more



Zaw Zaw sits in his office where he meets visitors in Yangon, Myanmar on March 20, 2013.

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publicly — than his peers to take advantage of Myanmar's reintegration with the global economy. Though he remains on a U.S. blacklist that bans American companies from doing business with friends of the old regime, the Max Myanmar Group is one of the nation's most successful conglomerates, employing 11,000 people in sectors from hotels and banking to cement and construction. France's Accor Group has a deal with him to manage the Novotel in Yangon and an MGallery hotel in Naypyitaw, the capital. Zaw Zaw says he is pursuing a joint venture with a Thai cement company, and trying to get his Ayeyarwady Bank in shape so he can bring in a foreign partner. He also made a bold effort to list his energy subsidiary on the Singapore Stock Exchange, though that was rejected in April over lingering concerns about his past.

Zaw Zaw acknowledges being friendly with the old military regime, arguing that there was no other way to succeed. "Only the government has projects," he says. "If I don't do projects with them, who will I do projects with?"

His only crime as he sees it? "In this poor country, I have become rich." Zaw Zaw was not born to power. The



Businessman Zaw Zaw sits in his office where he meets visitors in Yangon, Myanmar on March 20, 2013. Though he remains on a U.S. blacklist that bans American companies from doing business with friends of the old regime, his Max Myanmar Group is one of the nation's most successful conglomerates, employing 11,000 people in sectors from hotels and cement to construction and banking.

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youngest of six children, he grew up in a two-room wooden house in Yeygi township in Myanmar's southern delta. His father was a government servant, and his mother sold food and household sundries from their home.

In 1988, during his final year at the University of Yangon, he was swept up in student protests against the military government that galvanized the nation. When the government began rounding up student leaders, he hid in the countryside for four months, then went to Singapore with the help of a cousin who found him a job as a sailor. He had \$80 in his pocket. It was the beginning of a six-

year odyssey abroad.

While Myanmar's xenophobic government sank deeper into isolation, Zaw Zaw saw the world, earning \$200 a month as a deckhand. He went to Australia, Hong Kong, Iran, Taiwan, Japan and Africa. He learned English. He saw the development in other countries and grew ashamed of the poverty and repression of his own.

He saved \$8,000 and headed to Bangkok, where he blew most of it at nightclubs with friends. In 1991, he bought a ticket to Japan with his last \$650.

In Tokyo, he worked three jobs, as a cook, a dishwasher and a waiter. He learned Japanese.

Determined to go into business, he began flipping through the yellow pages and cold-calling used car dealers. One was named Max Trading Co. Zaw Zaw became friendly with the owner, bought two Nissan sedans and sold them to his friends.

Thus was born the Max Myanmar Group. Zaw Zaw exported used cars to Myanmar and other developing countries. Taking advantage of a Burmese law that allowed each citizen living overseas to import one car, he snapped up other people's import permits on the black market for around \$500 each. He also met his future wife, a woman from Myanmar then working in Japan too. "She was buying the car from me," he says. "At the end, she bought me."

The couple moved back to Myanmar in 1995 to marry. Zaw Zaw kept importing cars, then added more profitable sales of heavy construction equipment. From there, he went into construction, first as a subcontractor and then winning government contracts himself.

His businesses thrived on connections he developed with the military rulers. He founded a construction company in 2005 that laid the roads for Naypyitaw. Five months later, he started a hotel company that built hotels in the same city in exchange for coveted vehicle import licenses. He developed a jade mine in 2007 in a joint venture with the government. In 2010, the ruling junta oversaw a rush of privatizations before handing power to a nominally civilian government.

Max Myanmar acquired 12 gas stations, part of the land for the coming Novotel hotel and a banking license, putting Zaw Zaw in good position to capitalize on the ensuing opening of Myanmar's economy.

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During a press conference Aruba Bank, in collaboration with Subway and IBISA, a government agency promoting a healthy life-style, announced the return of the popular "Aruba Bank 4 Day Walk & Run 2013."

Rocila Acosta, member of Aruba Bank's management team, revealed that the "Aruba Bank 4 Day Walk & Run 2013", co-sponsored by Subway, will take place on the 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th of June, 2013. The event will start at 6:30pm, every afternoon. All runners who wish to participate must register daily, before 5:30pm, just ahead of the walk & run.

For this year's edition, the slogan for the Aruba Bank 4 Day Walk & Run is "Let's Move and Stay Fit!" The slogan reflects the intention behind the event, aimed at attracting local residents of all ages, as well as groups from different companies living and working in different neighborhoods, walking and running to-



gether for 4 days, at four designated districts around our One Happy Island.

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The 4-day sports activity is

famous for having the largest number of participants, and the most entertainment value and sheer fun, for groups and individual participants. On all 4 days the event will start with a Warm-up Zumba session at 6:00pm given by Niurca de Cuba of Beyond Fitness. The Walk & Run will then continue at 6:30pm so that all participants may enjoy the refreshing sea breeze and the island's spectacular sunsets.

A DJ will energize and motivate participants at each

water station, encouraging them to walk the entire route, and live up to the challenge. Aruba Bank has also approached two different organizations this year for the distribution of drinks at the water stations. At the end of each day, participants will be asked their opinion as to which organization delivered drinks best. The winning organization will receive an attractive donation.

Registration started on May 29th at the offices of

Additionally, among runners, various categories based on age and gender, will determine prizes. In each category the first three male and female winners will earn distinctions. The overall top 10 participants in both female and male categories will also be rewarded.

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In view of the incredible participation and the strong interest shown lately in sports activities, the Aruba Bank 4 Day Walk & Run will offer various prizes for running and walking participants. A prize will be offered to the group with the most enthusiastic members, the group with the best uniform, and the group with the largest number of members!!!

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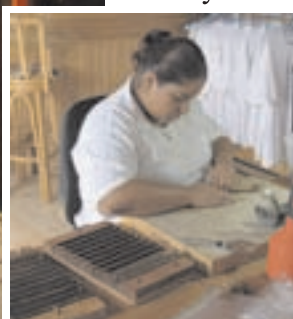
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**Matt Kuchar, left, accepts the trophy from Jack Nicklaus after winning the Memorial golf tournament Sunday, June 2, 2013, in Dublin, Ohio.**

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## Kuchar holds on to win Memorial

**DOUG FERGUSON**

**AP Golf Writer**

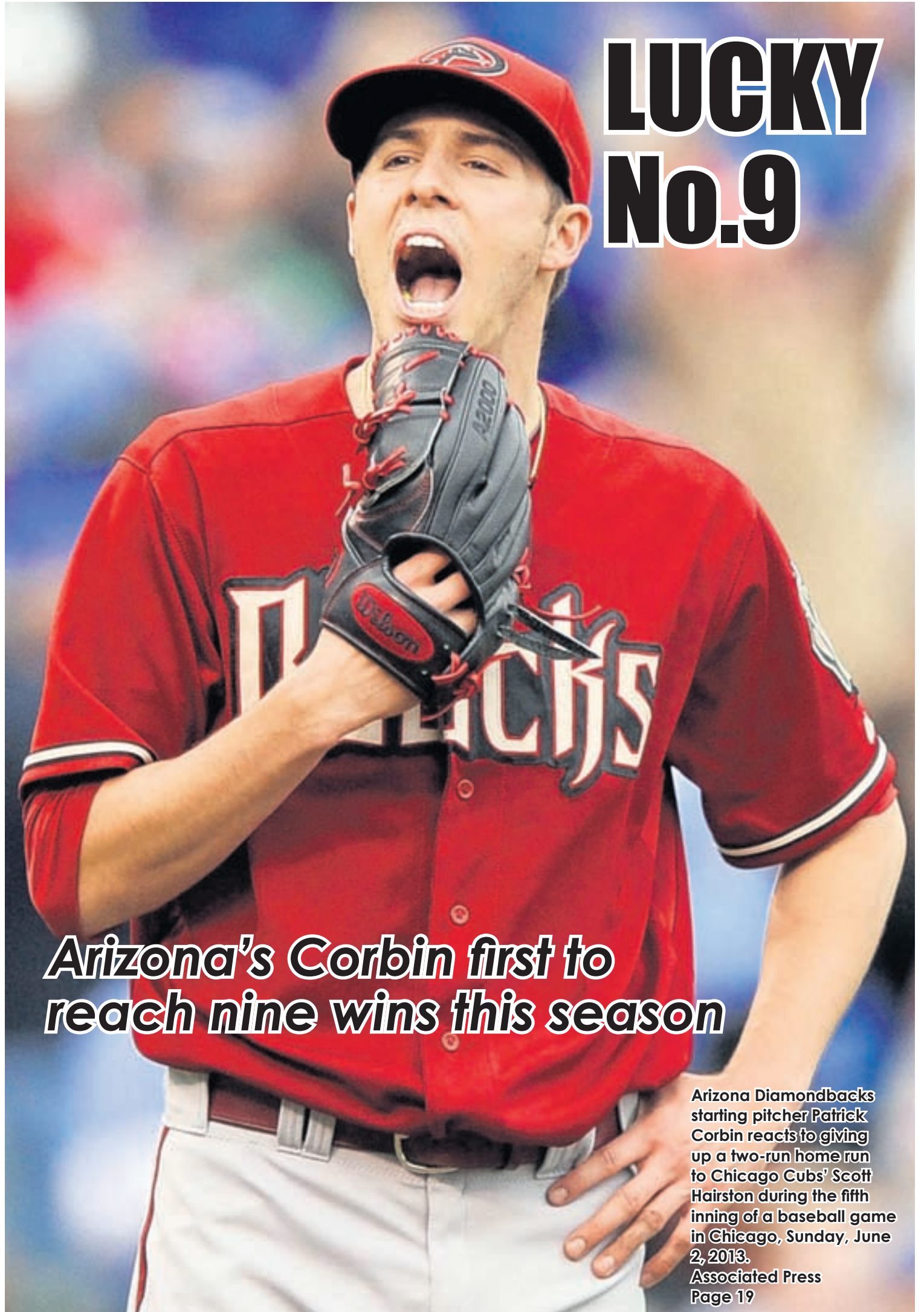
**DUBLIN, Ohio (AP) --** Most of the perks from winning the Memorial were evident to Matt Kuchar soon after his 20-foot birdie putt tumbled into the final hole Sunday.

He looked just beyond the 18th green to where 3-year-old son Carson was giving a high-five to tournament host Jack Nicklaus. He had the first multiple-win season of his PGA Tour career. Kuchar went to a career-best No. 4 in the world ranking. He is all but assured of returning to Muirfield Village in October as part of the Presidents Cup team.

"To walk off the green and to greet Mr. Nicklaus and have him congratulate me, that's something I'll certainly never forget," he said.

Perhaps the greatest benefit was one only Kuchar could feel - confidence. And that's a big deal with the U.S. Open approaching.

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## LUCKY No.9

## Arizona's Corbin first to reach nine wins this season

Arizona Diamondbacks starting pitcher Patrick Corbin reacts to giving up a two-run home run to Chicago Cubs' Scott Hairston during the fifth inning of a baseball game in Chicago, Sunday, June 2, 2013.  
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Kuchar missed only one fairway and held off a hard-charging Kevin Chappell over the last three holes to close with a 4-under 68 for a two-shot victory. The win came one week after he was runner-up by one shot at the Colonial.

"Great golf breeds more great golf," Kuchar said. "Winning tournaments breeds winning more tournaments. Anytime you can get comfortable playing in that final group, finishing off a tournament, winning a tournament is a huge amount of confidence. Heading into Merion, I'll have a lot of confidence. 'I'm looking forward to my chances there at Merion.' He sure played the kind of golf that goes a long way at the U.S. Open, which starts June 13 at Merion Golf Club outside Philadelphia. Muirfield Village was such



**Matt Kuchar, left, accepts the trophy from Jack Nicklaus after winning the Memorial golf tournament Sunday, June 2, 2013, in Dublin, Ohio.**

**Associated Press**

a demanding test that Tiger Woods had two triple bogeys in the same tournament for the first time since 1997 and wound up with the second-highest tournament score in his career at 8-over 296. "It happens. It happens to us all," Woods said. "Go home next week and practice."

Not having Woods around didn't make the task any easier for Kuchar. Right when he thought the tournament was in hand, Chappell birdied three of his last four holes. Two shots behind going to the 18th, Chappell stuffed his approach to tap-in range for birdie. Kuchar needed only two

putts from 20 feet for the win, and instead he rolled the birdie putt into the hole and thrust his fist into the air as he smiled.

He's always smiling, and he had good reason on this day. He joined Woods has the only players to win more than once this year on tour - Kuchar also won the Match Play Championship in February - and his game is peaking heading into a summer of majors, the one missing piece for the 35-year-old American. "His bad shots hit greens. And he's really good with the putter," Chappell said. "And he just doesn't make very many mistakes."

Chappell, who missed four birdie attempts inside 10 feet on the front nine, still closed with a 68. He played his last 25 holes without a bogey. Kyle Stanley ran off four birdies in a five-hole stretch to end the front nine and pull within one shot, but he fell back with a bogey on the par-5 11th and never caught up.

Stanley fell out of a tie for second on the 17th hole, and it was costly. A runner-up finish would have put him inside the top 50 and allowed him to skip 36 holes of U.S. Open qualifying on Monday. He closed with a 71 and finished alone in third, which will move him to just inside the top 60. The top 60 after next week are exempt to the U.S. Open.

"Mentally, I'm pretty drained right now," Stanley said. "I would have shot a million this week if I didn't make putts. So I'm really happy about that." Kuchar finished at 12-under 276 and will be looked upon as one of the favorites in two weeks at the U.S. Open. "There are a couple of things I thought were missing from my pedigree," Kuchar said. "A major championship is on the list, and a multiple-win season was on the list. That's something that at the beginning of the year when I set goals, I wanted to have a multiple-win year. □"

# Karrie Webb rallies to win ShopRite LPGA Classic

**TOM CANAVAN**  
**AP Sports Writer**  
**GALLOWAY TOWNSHIP,**  
**New Jersey (AP) —** Karrie Webb won her first LPGA

Tour title in two years, rallying from five shots down for a two-stroke victory over Shanshan Feng on Sunday in the wind-whipped ShopRite LPGA Classic.

The 38-year-old Hall of Famer shot a magnificent 3-under 68 in blustery conditions to win for the 39th time on tour, the most among active players. The Australian had a 4-under 209 total on The Bay Course at the Stockton Seaview Hotel and Golf Club, tying the highest winning score at the course.

Playing in wind gusting to 25 to 30 mph, Webb had two birdies, an eagle and a bogey, capping the round with a 5-foot birdie at the par-5 final hole. She also made six par-saving putts of 5-6 feet.

"It never gets old. It never gets any easier, either," Webb said. "Today was extremely tough, and I'm



**Karrie Webb, of Australia, holds the trophy after winning the ShopRite LPGA Classic golf tournament in Galloway Township, N.J., Sunday, June 2, 2013. Shanshan Feng, of China, was second.**

**Associated Press**

just glad that I pulled it out. I think coming down I knew I needed to make one birdie, I thought, because I didn't think I could just par in and feel comfortable, so great birdie on the last." Webb, the Australian Ladies Masters winner in February, got emotional after the event, saying that her grandmother has been very ill back home and told her to win. She did.

Feng, who led by three shots entering the final

round, struggled in the wind and finished with a 75. "The conditions was really, really tough today," said Feng, who played with a new set of clubs this week. Hee Young Park was the only other player under par, finishing at 1 under after a 71.

The final round played out somewhat like a U.S. Open with the elements, the dried-out fast greens and the fescue-lined fairways working like a demolition

derby on the 74 players who qualified for the final round.

Webb, who got back into contention with a 69 in the second round, made her move early, rolling in a 25-foot birdie putt on the difficult 420-yard second hole that might have been the toughest on the course with the wind blowing into the players' faces off Reed's Bay. She moved into a share of the lead on the par-5 fifth, rolling in a 6-foot eagle.

Feng, who became the first Chinese player to win an LPGA Tour event and a major when she captured the LPGA Championship last year, gave the lead back. A bad chip and a three-putt led to a double bogey at the second hole. After a birdie at No. 3, the world's No. 8 ranked player put her tee shot into the fifth hole and made another double bogey after taking a drop.

Feng regained the lead with a short birdie at the eighth hole but bogeys at the 11th and 13th holes

after bad approach shots gave Webb the lead.

Webb's birdie at the 18th hole pushed the margin to two shots. Feng closed within a shot with a short birdie putt at No. 16 but she hit her tee shot in the bunker at the next hole and bogeyed. She needed an eagle at the par-5 final hole but had to settle for par.

Jenny Shin of South Korea, who had four straight birdies on the back nine, finished fourth at even par after a 70.

Rookie Chie Arimura, who was tied for the lead on the front nine, finished in a group at 1 over. Despite a final round 74, Michelle Wie event, had her best finish of the year, finishing in a group at 2 over.

"Overall I fought hard, and I'm pretty proud of the way I played this week and I think it's a good week leading up to a major, so I'm just excited to get over there and play well," said Wie, who is still looking for her first LPGA Tour win in the United States. □"



## NL Capsules

# Corbin wins 9th, leads D-backs over Cubs 8-4

**The Associated Press**

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Patrick Corbin became the major leagues' first nine-game winner, laboring through six innings Sunday in the Arizona Diamondbacks' 8-4 win over the Chicago Cubs on Sunday.

Corbin (9-0) allowed four runs and six hits, tying the team record for consecutive wins at the start of the season, set by Brandon Webb in 2008. The Diamondbacks are 11-0 in his starts.

He hit two batters and walked two in a 33-pitch first inning, when he walked Dioner Navarro with the bases loaded. Corbin minimized the damage by retiring Cody Ransom on an inning-ending flyout to the warning track in center.

Brad Ziegler, David Hernandez and Heath Bell combined for hitless relief.

Edwin Jackson (1-8) gave up seven runs — five earned — a season-high 12 hits, three walks and four wild pitches in 5 2-3 innings. Wil Nieves had three hits and two RBIs for Arizona.

Braves 6, Nationals 3

**ATLANTA (AP)** — B.J. Upton and Ramiro Pena hit home runs and Paul Maholm won his third straight decision.

The Braves won two of three from the Nationals and lead Washington by 6.5 games — the biggest advantage for any first-place team in the majors. The Nationals (28-29) fell below .500 for the first time since they were 13-14 on April 30. The Braves are 7-3 against Washington this season.

Ian Desmond hit a homer for Washington in the sixth inning to cut Atlanta's lead to 4-3. Freddie Freeman answered with a bases-loaded, two-run double in the bottom of the inning.

Washington rookie Nathan Karns (0-1) gave up four runs, three earned, on seven hits in 4 2-3 innings. Karns allowed two homers. He has given up four homers in his two starts.

ROCKIES 7, DODGERS 2

**DENVER (AP)** — Dexter Fowler hit two homers off fill-in starter Matt Magill and Jorge De La Rosa pitched seven effective innings.

It was the second multi-homer game of the season for Fowler. Todd Helton and Michael Cuddyer added solo homers as the Rockies took two of three from Los Angeles.

De La Rosa (7-3) struggled early, but settled down as he allowed six hits and struck out five for his first career win against Los Angeles. He was 0-8 entering the game.

Magill (0-1) was recalled from Triple-A Albuquerque to step in for lefty Hyun-Jin Ryu, who was a late scratch with a bruised left foot. Magill had a forgettable outing, giving up seven runs — six earned — in six innings. He also allowed four homers and walked nine, before being pulled for a pinch hitter after throwing 110 pitches.

PIRATES 5, REDS 4, 11 innings

**PITTSBURGH (AP)** — Travis Snider hit an RBI single with two outs in the 11th inning. Five Pittsburgh relievers combined for 10 scoreless innings. Starter Jeanmar Gomez was removed with tightness in his right forearm after giving up four runs in the first.

Reds shortstop Zack Cozart made a throwing error on Russell Martin's one-out grounder in the 11th. After Pedro Alvarez walked, Jordy Mercer flied out before Snider then dropped a single into right-center off Alfredo Simon (4-2).

Garrett Jones tied the game for Pittsburgh with a long two-run homer with two outs in the eighth. Jones' drive off Jonathan Broxton cleared the right-field stands, reached the Allegheny River on the fly and was estimated at 463 feet.

It was just the second homer to make it into the river without bouncing and the first by a Pirates' hitter. Daryle Ward hit the first on July 6, 2002, while playing for Houston. □



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# Davis hits 20<sup>th</sup> HR as O's rally past Tigers

**The Associated Press**

**BALTIMORE (AP)** — Chris Davis hit his major league-leading 20th homer to ignite a three-run seventh inning, as the Baltimore Orioles got a strong pitching performance from rookie Kevin Gausman in a 4-2 comeback victory over the Detroit Tigers on Sunday. Nate McLouth drove in the go-ahead run for the Orioles, who took two of three from Detroit. Baltimore also rallied on Friday after trailing by two runs in the ninth. Prince Fielder homered and scored both runs for the Tigers, who have lost five of six. Rick Porcello (2-3) lost for the first time in seven starts since April 20. Gausman pitched six impressive innings. He struck out Miguel Cabrera and got the Tigers star to hit into a pair of double plays. Brian Matusz (2-0) got the win despite giving up a run in the seventh, Darren O'Day worked the eighth and Jim Johnson got three outs for his 18th save. **ATHLETICS 2, WHITE SOX 0 OAKLAND, California (AP)** — Josh Donaldson's sixth-

inning sacrifice fly ended a career-best 28-inning scoreless streak by Chicago starter Chris Sale. Jarrod Parker (4-6) hung tough in an impressive pitcher's duel with Sale to win back-to-back starts for the first time this year. The right-hander matched his season high with seven strikeouts in 6 1-3 innings as Oakland won for the ninth time in 11 games. Sale (5-3) lost for the first time in six starts since an April 18 defeat at Toronto. The White Sox (24-30) lost their season-high sixth in a row and matched a season-worst by falling to six games below .500. Sale's 28-inning stretch without allowing a run was the longest by a White Sox pitcher since Wilson Alvarez went 31 scoreless innings from Sept. 11-27, 1993. **ASTROS 5, ANGELS 4 ANAHEIM, California (AP)** — Carlos Pena and Carlos Corporan homered against C.J. Wilson and Houston extended its winning streak to a season-high five games. Jordan Lyles (3-1) allowed two runs and six hits in 5 2-3



Texas Rangers' Jurickson Profar, left, is congratulated by teammate David Murphy (7) after hitting a solo home run during the eighth inning of a baseball game against the Kansas City Royals, Sunday, June 2, 2013, in Arlington, Texas. The Rangers won 3-1.

**Associated Press**

innings, struck out five and walked one. The 22-year-old right-hander, who was promoted from Triple-A on May 2, has a 1.90 ERA over his last four starts after giving up eight runs through four innings in a 12-7 loss against Texas. Wilson (4-4) gave up three

runs and six hits in 7 1-3 innings with nine strikeouts and no walks.

**RANGERS 3, ROYALS 1**

**ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)** — Jurickson Profar hit a tie-breaking home run with two outs in the eighth inning. Texas starter Yu Darvish

pitched seven shutout innings and left with a 1-0 lead.

The 20-year-old Profar connected off J.C. Gutierrez (0-1) for his second homer, a solo shot that put Texas ahead 2-1. David Murphy added an RBI single later in the inning. Tanner Schepers (4-0) got two outs in the eighth and Joe Nathan pitched a perfect ninth for his 17th save in 18 chances. Darvish allowed three hits, walked two and struck out six. Alex Gordon doubled in the Kansas City eighth and scored on a grounder to make it 1-all.

**TWINS 10, MARINERS 0**

**MINNEAPOLIS (AP)** — Scott Diamond pitched six shutout innings and Josh Willingham hit one of Minnesota's four home runs.

Chris Herrmann hit his first major league homer and Ryan Doumit and Brian Dozier also connected for the Twins. Willingham drove in three runs.

The Twins won for the seventh time in nine games. Diamond (4-4) allowed four hits, walked one and struck out three. □



Tony Stewart poses with the trophy in Victory Lane after he won a NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race, Sunday, June 2, 2013, at Dover International Speedway in Dover, Del.

**Associated Press**

**By DAN GELSTON**  
**AP Sports Writer**

**DOVER, Del. (AP)** — With one big move, Tony Stewart put Juan Pablo Montoya and a sluggish season well behind him. After a mundane start, Stewart is back in Victory Lane - and in the thick of Chase contention.

Stewart's outside pass on Montoya with three laps left was enough to win Sunday at Dover International Speedway and snap a 30-race winless streak. "Our guys at our shop have been digging," Stewart said. "None of these guys get down. We have been down, but they

## Tony Stewart wins Cup race at Dover

haven't gotten down. That is what carries you to days like today at the end of the day."

Stewart was stuck in 20th in the standings and didn't even have a top-finish before he rallied in Dover. Stewart hadn't won on the concrete mile track since he swept both Cup races in 2000.

The No. 14 team erupted in celebration in the pits after winning for the first time since last July in Daytona. It was a long time coming for the two-time Cup champ.

"It's been such a tough year," Stewart said.

It got a little easier Sunday. Stewart stoutly defended crew chief Steve Addington's performance this year

and thanked Hendrick Motorsports for supplying engines to his Stewart-Haas Racing team.

He also knows their work is far from finished.

"We realize this could put the 14 team in contention to make the Chase," he said. "That's not good enough."

Meaning, he wants to not only make the 12-driver field, but know he's a top contender to win another championship. His 48th career win pushed him to 16th in the points standings and aided his cause for a wild-card spot. The two drivers in the 11th to 20th spot in the standings with the most wins earn a slot in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship. Stewart

is the only driver in those spots with a win.

"It's been very hard when you have the start of the season that we had," Stewart said. "You start questioning, you start doubting, you start looking for answers that you don't have the knowledge to diagnose. That makes you feel very helpless at times." Seven-time Dover winner Jimmie Johnson appeared to have the car to beat, but jumped a restart and had to serve a pass-through penalty. Johnson argued over the radio and stayed on the track before he finally hit pit road.

With Johnson out of the picture, Montoya and Stewart battled for the lead the rest of the race. □



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## Federer comes back to beat Simon at French Open

HOWARD FENDRICH  
AP Tennis Writer

**PARIS (AP)** — Chasing a shot, Roger Federer caught his right shoe in the French Open's red clay, twisting that foot awkwardly and tumbling to the ground.

Soon enough, he was in a real rut, in danger of his earliest exit from a Grand Slam tournament in nine years.

Federer regrouped and restored order eventually, coming back from a two-sets-to-one deficit to beat 15th-seeded Gilles Simon of France 6-1, 4-6, 2-6, 6-2, 6-3 Sunday in the fourth round to reach his 36th consecutive major quarterfinal.

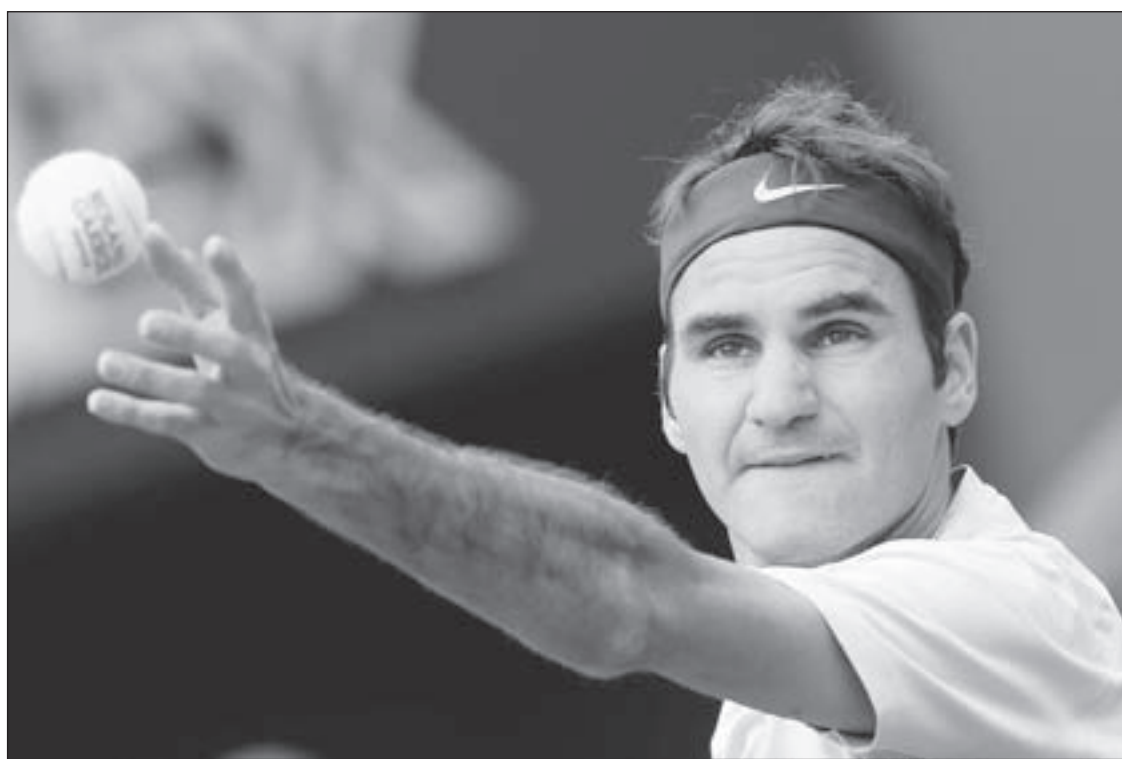
"I didn't hurt myself or anything," Federer said. "But maybe I did lose that touch of confidence for a little bit, and then I was out of the match there for a

bit." During a rare stretch of mid-match mediocrity from the owner of a record 17 Grand Slam championships — the 2009 French Open trophy is part of his collection — Federer lost 10 of 13 games, including the one in which he fell.

But Simon, a former member of the top 10, could not keep Federer down. Able to "tidy up my play," as he put it, Federer went from hitting more than twice as many unforced errors as Simon in the second and third sets, 25-12, to generating more than twice as many winners in the third and fourth, 29-14.

"When things turn nasty," Simon said, "he responds well."

Federer said the match will give him "a lot of info" heading into his quarterfinal against another



Switzerland's Roger Federer serves against France's Gilles Simon in their fourth round match at the French Open tennis tournament, at Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Sunday June 2, 2013.

Associated Press

## Veilleux wins 1st stage of Dauphine Libere

**CHAMPERY, Switzerland (AP)** — David Veilleux of Canada won the first stage of the Dauphine Libere race by nearly two minutes on Sunday, with Belgian Gianni Meersman finishing just ahead of the main pack in second.

Veilleux won the 121-kilometer (75-mile) trek around the Swiss Alpine village of Champéry in 3 hours, 17 minutes, 35 seconds.

"It comes from a lot of sacrifices and huge amounts of work," said Veilleux, racing in the Dauphine for the first time.

Meersman came 1:56 back. Veilleux formed part of an early breakaway along with France's Jean-Marc Bideau and Thomas Damuseau, and Spaniard

Ricardo Garcia Ambroa. The peloton let them go and they built up a lead of more than 10 minutes at the halfway point of the stage. The 25-year-old Veilleux made his decisive break about 50 kilometers (31 miles) from the end when he attacked up le Col du Corbier.

"Normally I'm not a climber, but I know that I can climb decently," Veilleux said. "It was worth trying." Race contenders Alberto Contador and Alejandro Valverde rolled in with the main pack, one second behind Meersman and 1:57 adrift of Veilleux.

Monday's second stage is a 191-kilometer (118.4-mile) ride from Chatel to Oyonnax. □

Frenchman, No. 6-seeded Jo-Wilfried Tsonga.

Federer's turnaround was not the biggest of the day. Not even close. That distinction belonged to 32nd-seeded Tommy Robredo of Spain, who is specializing in comebacks: He is the first man in 86 years to win three Grand Slam matches in a row after dropping the first two sets (France's Henri Cochet pulled that off at Wimbledon in 1927).

Robredo did it in the second round Wednesday. He did it in the third round Friday. And then he did it in the fourth round Sunday, defeating No. 11 Nicolas Almagro 6-7 (5), 3-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4. Robredo trailed 4-1 in the third set, 4-2 in the fourth and 2-0 in the fifth.

"Nobody dreams of doing such things," said Robredo, who dropped to his knees, leaned forward and wept after winning.

Almagro's take?

"I don't know what adjective to use," he said.

Robredo's first French Open quarterfinal since 2009 — he missed the tournament in 2011 and 2012 because of left leg problems that required surgery — will be against another Spaniard, No. 4 David Ferrer, who eliminated No. 23 Kevin Anderson of South Africa 6-3, 6-1, 6-1.

Tsonga, the 2008 Australian Open runner-up, got past Viktor Troicki 6-3, 6-3, 6-3. Tsonga is 3-9 against Federer, but he did come back from a two-set hole to win their 2011 Wimbledon quarterfinal.

"I know he can beat me, and he knows he can beat me," Federer said. "But I'm going to make sure that doesn't happen."

So far, all of the top three men in the tournament — No. 1 Novak Djokovic, No. 2 Federer and No. 3 Rafael Nadal, the seven-time champion — have had issues. Nadal lost a set in each of his first two matches; Djokovic needed his upper right arm treated

by a trainer Saturday.

And what about the woman who is everyone's pick to win the title, No. 1 Serena Williams? The 15-time major champion has been nearly flawless, losing a total of 10 games through four matches. She beat No. 15 Roberta Vinci 6-1, 6-3 to extend her winning streak to 28 and set up a quarterfinal against Svetlana Kuznetsova, the 2009 champion who is unseeded this year and defeated No. 8 Angelique Kerber 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.

Vinci's had more success in doubles, winning three of the last four major titles with Sara Errani, last year's runner-up to Maria Sharapova in singles at Roland Garros. The fifth-seeded Errani said she felt pain "like a knife" in her midsection and had difficulty breathing in the first set Sunday against No. 20 Carla Suarez Navarro, but after being treated by a trainer wound up winning 5-7, 6-4, 6-3. □



# Vinegar cancer test saves lives, India study finds

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**MUMBAI, India (AP)** — A simple vinegar test slashed cervical cancer death rates by one-third in a remarkable study of 150,000 women in the slums of India, where the disease is the top cancer killer of women.

Doctors reported the results Sunday at a cancer conference in Chicago. Experts called the outcome "amazing" and said this quick, cheap test could save tens of thousands of lives each year in developing countries by spotting early signs of cancer, allowing treatment before it's too late. Usha Devi, one of the women in the study, says it saved her life.

"Many women refused to get screened. Some of them died of cancer later," Devi said. "Now I feel everyone should get tested. I got my life back because of these tests."

Pap smears and tests for HPV, a virus that causes most cervical cancers, have slashed cases and deaths in the United States. But poor countries can't afford those screening tools. This study tried a test that costs very little and can be done by local people with just two weeks of training and no fancy lab equipment. They swab the cervix with diluted vinegar, which can make abnormal cells briefly change color.

This low-tech visual exam cut the cervical cancer death rate by 31 percent, the study found. It could prevent 22,000 deaths in India and 72,600 worldwide each year, researchers estimate.

"That's amazing. That's remarkable. It's a very exciting result," said Dr. Ted Trimble of the National Cancer Institute in the U.S., the main sponsor of the study.

The story of research participant Usha Devi is not an unusual one. Despite having given birth to four children, she had never had a gynecological exam. She had been bleeding heavily for several years, hop-



In this Tuesday, May 21, 2013 photo, Anjali S, a health work from Tata Memorial Hospital, briefs a group of women about cervical cancer during one of her regular visit to a slum in Mumbai, India. Associated Press

ing patience and prayers would fix things.

"Everyone said it would go away, and every time I thought about going to the doctor there was either no money or something else would come up," she said, sitting in a tiny room that serves as bedroom, kitchen, bathroom and living room for her entire family.

One day she found a card from health workers trying to convince women to join the study. Devi is in her late 40s and like many poor Indians doesn't know her date of birth. She learned she had advanced cervical cancer. The study paid for surgery to remove her uterus and cervix.

The research effort was led by Dr. Surendra Shastri of Tata Memorial Hospital in Mumbai. India has nearly one-third of the world's cases of cervical cancer — more than 140,000 each year.

"It's just not possible to provide Pap smear screening in developing countries. We don't have that kind of money" or the staff or equipment, so a simpler method had to be found, Shastri said.

Starting in 1998, researchers enrolled 75,360 women to be screened every two years with the vinegar test. Another 76,178 women were chosen for a con-

trol, or comparison group that just got cancer education at the start of the study and vouchers for a free Pap test — if they could get to the hospital to have one. Women in either group found to have cancer were offered free

treatment at the hospital. Still, this quick and free cancer screening was a hard sell in a deeply conservative country where women are subservient and need permission from husbands, fathers or others for even routine deci-

sions. Social workers were sent into the slums to win people over. "We went to every single house in the neighborhood assigned to us introducing ourselves and asking them to come to our health talks. They used to come out of curiosity, listen to the talk but when we asked them to get screened they would totally refuse," said one social worker, Vaishnavi Bhagat. "The women were both scared and shy." One woman who did agree to testing jumped up from the table when she was examined with a speculum. "She started screaming that we had stolen her kidney," Bhagat said. Another health worker was beaten by people in the neighborhood when women realized they would have to disrobe to be screened.

"There was a sense of shame about taking their clothes off. A lot of them had their babies at home and had never been to a doctor," said one health worker, Urmila Hadkar. □

## Avastin fails studies in new brain tumor patients

MARILYNN MARCHIONE

AP Chief Medical Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — New re-

search raises fresh questions about which cancer patients benefit from Avastin, a drug that lost its approval for treating breast cancer nearly two years ago. Avastin did not prolong life when used as a first treatment for people with brain tumors like the one U.S. Sen. Edward Kennedy died of several years ago, two studies found. In one, patients who were expected to benefit the most from Avastin based on genetic testing had the worst survival rates. Side effects also were more common with Avastin.

The drug is approved for treating brain tumors that have recurred for people who already tried chemotherapy or radiation. But that approval was based on studies suggesting it

briefly delayed the worsening of the disease. No definitive study shows it helps those patients live longer, either. Something similar happened with breast cancer: Avastin won the Food and Drug Administration's approval after studies suggested it delayed disease progression. But when later research showed it did not prolong life and brought more side effects, its approval for breast cancer was revoked.

However, many cancer experts say the same thing should not happen now, and that Avastin should retain its approval for brain cancer patients whose disease has recurred.

"I would definitely not want the FDA to take that away from patients," said Dr. Deepa Subramaniam, director of the brain tumor center at Georgetown Lombardi Comprehensive

Cancer Center in Washington, D.C. "That's very different from the breast cancer story," where there are many other drugs that can be tried, she said.

She had no role in the new studies, which were discussed Sunday at an American Society of Clinical Oncology conference in Chicago.

Avastin, made by Swiss-based Roche's Genentech unit, acts by depriving tumors of a blood supply. It's also sold for treating certain colon, lung and kidney tumors. Another study discussed Sunday and released previously showed it helped women with advanced cervical cancer live nearly four months longer.

The new brain cancer studies tested it as initial treatment for glioblastoma, the most common and deadly type of tumor. □



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# Reality catches up with sci-fi in storm drones

JUSTIN JUOZAPAVICIUS

Associated Press

TULSA, Oklahoma (AP) —

At the time it premiered, the film "Twister" put forth a fantastical science fiction idea: Release probes into a storm in order to figure out which tornadoes could develop into killers.

It's no longer fiction. Oklahoma State University researchers are designing and building sleek, Kevlar-reinforced unmanned aircraft — or drones — to fly directly into the worst storms and send back real-time data to first responders and forecasters.

"We have all the elements in place that make this the right place for this study to occur," said Stephen McKeever, Oklahoma's secretary of science and technology. "We have the world's best natural laboratory."

Oklahoma is the heart of Tornado Alley, and has emerged battered, yet standing, from seven tornadoes with winds exceeding 200 mph (320 kph) — tied with Alabama for the most EF5 storms recorded. EF5 is the most powerful storm on the scale measuring tornado strength.

The May 20 tornado in Moore that killed 24 people was one of them. The federal government's National Weather Center, with its laboratories and the Storm Prediction Center, are appropriately headquartered in Norman, Oklahoma, but research is done statewide on Earth's most powerful storms.

If all goes as planned, OSU's research drones will detect the making of a tornado based on the humidity, pressure and temperature data collected while traveling through the guts of a storm — critical details that could increase lead

time in severe weather forecasts.

The drones would also be equipped to finally answer meteorologists' most pressing questions.

"Why does one storm spawn a tornado and the other doesn't, and why does one tornado turn into an EF1 and another into an EF5?" asked Jamey Jacob, professor at OSU's School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, which is developing the technology.

The drones could be operating in roughly five years, designers estimate. But there are limitations on immediately using the technology, including current Federal Aviation Administration rules that mandate where and how drones can be safely launched in U.S. air space. The agency's regulations also require operators of such machines to physically see the aircraft at all times, limiting the range to a mile or two (1.6 to 3.2 kilometers). Developers are seeking to get the same clearances as the military, where operators don't have to see the aircraft at all times and can view data beamed via a satellite link.

The machines — which weigh up to 50 pounds (22.5 kilograms) — are safely controlled by operators with a laptop or iPad, cost a fraction of manned research aircraft and are more reliable than sending up weather balloons to divine a storm's intentions. In its simplest form, a weather drone would go for about \$10,000, researchers said, but models with more extensive storm-detecting equipment — like having the ability to drop sensors as it flies through a storm — could run \$100,000.

Jacob started researching



In this April 2013 photo provided by Oklahoma State University, Team Black members from left, Amelia Wilson, Nathan Woody and Alyssa Avery prepare their aircraft for flight during SpeedFest III at Oklahoma State University, in Stillwater, Okla.

Associated Press

the need for such aircraft more than 20 years ago while an undergraduate at the University of Oklahoma, and arrived at OSU about seven years ago to continue his research. As a native Oklahoman with a long-held interest in the weather, developing the perfect storm-savvy technology has become a passion for him.

"Technology has really been catching up to what we wanted to do," he said in an interview. And in the future, the drones could be used to monitor wildfires and send back information to firefighters so they don't get outflanked by the blazes or they could fly over farmers' crops to relay enhanced pictures of how well they are growing.

One of the storm models was supposed to have its test flight on the day of the Moore tornado. It was delayed by two days — to great success. Immediately after, OSU researchers posted a video of its flight



In this April 2013 photo provided by Oklahoma State University, Team Black's airplane takes off during SpeedFest III, in Stillwater, Okla.

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on YouTube.

To researchers' dismay, drones have developed a negative connotation lately, as some groups concerned about civil liberties strongly question the Obama administration's use of armed Predator drones overseas as well as privacy issues. So, the weather researchers prefer "unmanned aircraft" to describe what they are working on, even though the word drone is also accurate. "It's so sad to me because I see the nega-

tives people are always talking about, that it's going to be a Big Brother surveillance system and the government is actually going to worsen society rather than benefit society, and our goals are the exact opposite," said Jacob Stockton, a master's student at OSU who is working on the project. "It's extremely rewarding to take the perspective that my work is being poured into helping others to avoid the tragedy that happened" at Moore, he said. □



# China's entrepreneurs expand global presence

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**AP Business Writer**

**BEIJING (AP)** — The force behind China's biggest takeover of an American company is a 71-year-old meat-packing entrepreneur dubbed "China's Chief Butcher" by the press who built an empire on his country's voracious appetite for pork.

The \$4.7 billion bid for Smithfield Foods by Wan Long, chairman of Shuanghui International, is another big step up for Chinese entrepreneurs who are emerging from the shadow of state-owned corporate giants and expanding on the global stage.

Under pressure to keep economic growth strong, the new government of President Xi Jinping has promised a bigger role and lighter regulatory burden to entrepreneurs who generate China's jobs and wealth. Still, it is unclear how far the ruling Communist Party is willing to go in making crucial changes including curbing the dominance of state industry.

"If these Chinese entrepreneurs who are highly capable are allowed to get on and do what they do best, we're going to see a lot more deals like this," said Charles Maynard, senior managing director of Business Development Asia, which advises companies on acquisitions. "Despite lots of hurdles, they are increasingly able to think globally and act globally." Another private investor, Fosun International, bought a stake last year in Club Med and says it will team up with insurer AXA to acquire the rest of the French resort operator. Last year, a private firm set the current record for the biggest Chinese takeover of an American company when Wanda Group bought the AMC cinema chain for \$2.6 billion.

China's private companies follow a different path from Western buyers pursuing acquisitions.

Cash-rich but inexperienced, they shop for brands, technology and skills to speed their devel-



**In this May 18, 2013 photo, Wan Long, chairman of Shuanghui International, speaks at the U.S.-China Cooperation Forum on Agricultural Investment in Zhengzhou in central China's Henan province.**

Associated Press

opment. Unlike Western buyers, which might lay off employees, Chinese companies keep them and sometimes hire more. Sweden's Volvo Cars expanded its workforce after it was acquired in 2010 by Chinese automaker Geely Holding Group.

"We were especially attracted to Smithfield for its strong management team, leading brands and vertically integrated model," said Shuanghui's Wan in the statement announcing this week's bid.

The purchase was endorsed by Smithfield's board but still require approval from shareholders and U.S. regulators.

Reflecting the sensitivity of Chinese acquisitions at a time of American complaints about computer hacking and market access, the companies said they would submit the proposed deal for a U.S. government national security review.

The announcement comes as President Barack Obama and China's Xi prepare to meet for the first time, overshadowed by mounting American frustration about a wave of cyber intrusions traced to China and possibly its military that targets government and commercial secrets. Obama is expected to press Xi to crack down on cybercrime.

The Chinese acquisition of a major food producer "is a bit concerning," said U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley in a

statement.

He said regulators should look at what role the communist Beijing government plays in Shuanghui and whether the acquisition might affect national security.

Some, however, warn against linking the deal to strains in the U.S.-China relationship. "This is just not the kind of deal that would or should rankle the U.S. government," said James Zimmerman, a lawyer in Beijing for the firm Sheppard Mullen and a former chairman of the American Chamber of Commerce in China, in an email.

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**In this Friday, Feb. 24, 2006 photo, a worker loads boxes of foods at a freight station at the Shuanghui Group in Luohe city in central China's Henan province.**

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"The U.S. government would do more harm than good if they use this transaction to leverage out of China better behavior on unrelated issues," said Zimmerman.

"Promoting free trade and open investment only

A statement by the Cabinet's planning agency on May 24 promised such change. But it consisted mostly of repeating previous pledges and gave no details of possible reforms. Those are likely to provoke fierce opposition from party factions that depend on state industry to supply money and jobs to reward their supporters.

Entrepreneurs' expansion abroad comes as China's explosive double-digit economic growth that powered their rise slows. The slowdown is largely self-imposed as Chinese leaders try to nurture more self-sustaining growth based on domestic consumption instead of exports and investment. But consumer spending growth is slow. That has forced Beijing to prop up China's rebound from its deepest downturn since the 2008 global crisis with spending on building

subways and other public works, which pumps still more money into state industry.

Growth of the world's second-largest economy is forecast at 7 to 8 percent over the next decade — far above the low single digits expected from the United States and Europe but China's weakest performance since the '90s.

"They know this economy may have rough days ahead, so why not take their capital and diversify around the world?" said Jim McGregor, chairman for Greater China at consulting firm APCO.

State-owned oil and mining companies still account for China's biggest deals abroad, including multibillion-dollar investments in Australia, Africa and Latin American. In 2007, China's sovereign wealth fund bought a 9.9 percent stake in Morgan Stanley for \$5.6 billion.

Bright Foods acquired a majority stake last year in Weetabix, which makes Alpen muesli. Hanergy Group, a builder of hydroelectric dams, bought two makers of solar panels — MiaSole in California and Germany's Solibro.

Shuanghui's Wan, a former soldier, started his rise in 1985 when coworkers elected him manager of a slaughterhouse in his hometown of Luohe in central China.

The economy was in the early stages of then-supreme leader Deng Xiaoping's reforms. The ruling party had begun allowing privately owned restaurants and other small businesses. Rolling back its "iron rice bowl" policies of jobs for life and nationwide wage standards, Beijing was starting to let companies pay employees for the first time based on their productivity.

According to Caixin, China's leading business magazine, Wan turned around his struggling slaughterhouse with such radical innovations for the time as operating three shifts around the clock, every day of the year. □





Amazon Kindle Vice President Peter Larsen holds the Kindle Fire HD at the introduction of the new Kindle devices Thursday in Santa Monica, Calif.

Associated Press

## Apple antitrust suit over e-books set for NY trial

**LARRY NEUMEISTER**  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — In a civil case in which the words of Steve Jobs play prominently, the government and Apple Inc. are set to square off over allegations that Apple Inc. conspired with the country's largest book publishers to make consumers pay more for electronic books.

U.S. District Judge Denise Cote is scheduled to begin hearing the price-fixing case Monday in federal court in Manhattan.

The trial stems from an antitrust lawsuit brought last year by the Justice Department, which accused Apple of helping hatch the scheme at a meeting with publishers in 2009 as it was preparing to launch the iPad. Its purpose was to force Seattle-based Amazon.com — the marketer of Kindle e-book readers — to raise the \$9.99 price it had set for the most popular e-book titles because that was substantially below their hardcover prices, the government says.

"Apple wanted to sell e-books to the public, but did not want to compete against the low prices Amazon was setting," the government wrote in its court papers. "Apple knew that the major publishers

also disliked Amazon's low prices and saw Apple's potential entry as a pathway to higher retail prices industrywide." The Justice Department accuses the conspirators of agreeing to retailers and letting them decide what price to charge readers, the publishers would convert the retailers into "agents" who were restricted from lowering the publisher-set retail price. The arrangement guaranteed Apple a 30 percent commission on each e-book it sold. The government has alleged that the scheme cost consumers tens of millions of dollars by adding \$2 or \$3, sometimes as much as \$5, to the price of each e-book. It also argues part of the proof is Jobs' own account of the arrangement. The former Apple CEO "conceded the price-fixing conspiracy when, the day after publicly announcing Apple's forthcoming iBookstore, he explained to his authorized biographer that Apple had told the publishers, 'We'll go to the agency model, where you set the price, and we get our 30 percent, and yes, the customer pays a little more, but that's what you want anyway,'" the government says in court papers. □

## Central bank group warns markets 'under a spell'



A visitor takes a picture of an electronic stock board on the Tokyo Stock Exchange in Tokyo, Wednesday, May 22, 2013.

Associated Press

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AP Business Writer  
**FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)**

— Investors have ignored poor economic news as stocks have risen, leaving markets now vulnerable to unsettling volatility and potential losses, an organization of the world's central banks said Sunday.

The Bank for International Settlements said central banks' policies of record low interest rates and monetary stimulus had helped investors "tune out" bad news — every time an economic indicator disappointed, traders simply took that as confirmation that central banks would continue to provide stimulus.

That has left markets exposed to losses, particularly for bond holders, when interest rates begin to return to more normal levels, the BIS said in its quarterly report.

"Further monetary easing helped market participants to tune out signs of a global growth slowdown," the report said. "But the rapid gains left equity valuations vulnerable to changes in sentiment, as witnessed in the recent bout of volatility."

The BIS, based in Basel, Switzerland, represents the world's central banks.

In its report, it said markets

were "under the spell of monetary easing" to the point where negative news such as downbeat U.S. jobs data in March did not always stop stocks from going up. The U.S. Standard & Poor's 500 reached an all-time high of 1,687.18 on May 22 and remains up more than 15 percent on the year.

The BIS said the volatility of the situation was underlined by a 7 percent drop in Japanese stocks on May 23, triggered by data suggesting China's economy might slow and speculation the U.S. Federal Reserve might be getting ready to slow its aggressive stimulus policies.

The BIS said investors had several times shrugged off uncertainty because they expect any bad news to be followed by more central bank stimulus, such as continued low interest rates or bond purchases that increase the supply of money in the economy. It said the dominant driver for financial markets in recent weeks was the shift in Japan's monetary policy announced April 4, when the Bank of Japan said it would vastly increase the supply of money in the economy through regular purchases of financial assets over the next two years in an attempt to increase the rate

of inflation to 2 percent. That monetary stimulus is aimed at getting Japan out of years of economic stagnation marked by corrosive deflation, a sustained fall in prices that discourages consumption and investment.

Investors and financial institutions should be ready for an eventual normalization of interest rates, said Stephen Cecchetti, head of the BIS monetary and economic department.

That will cause losses for bond holders, since bond prices move in the opposite direction from interest rates.

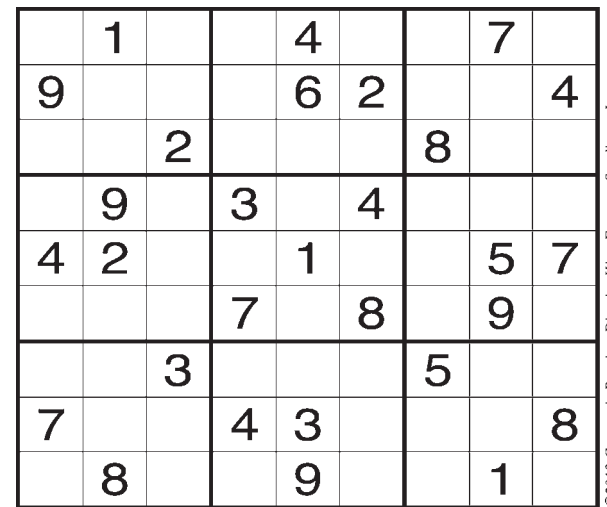
"The losses, when they do occur, will be spread across banks, households and industrial firms," Cecchetti told journalists on a conference call.

Central banks typically cut rates to stimulate the economy during slowdowns and raise them during recoveries to prevent excessive inflation.

Cecchetti stressed it was important that banks make sure their finances are strong enough before central banks end their stimulus programs and start raising interest rates. "Robust balance sheets with high capital buffers are the best ways to guard against the possible disruptions that this can bring," he said. □



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Iran's Ambassador to the International Atomic Energy Agency, IAEA, Ali Asghar Soltanieh at an IAEA board of governors meeting at the International Center in Vienna, Austria, in this file photo dated Wednesday, March 6, 2013.

Associated Press

## Think tank: China boosts nuclear arms arsenal

**MALIN RISING**  
**Associated Press**

**STOCKHOLM (AP)** — China, India and Pakistan have increased their nuclear weapons by about 10 warheads each in the past year, and other nuclear states appear set on maintaining their arsenals, a Swedish think tank said Monday.

At the start of the year, China had raised its number of nuclear warheads to 250 from 240 in 2012 as part of a process to modernize its defense, the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute said. However it also said China is "highly non-transparent" when it comes to its nuclear arsenal.

SIPRI researcher Phillip Schell said China may continue "the very slight process of increasing"

its nuclear arms in the long-term but that there is no sign the country will change its current policy of maintaining a credible deterrent with the smallest possible nuclear arsenal. "It is not so much about an increase in numbers, but an increase in quality," he said.

Bitter rivals Pakistan and India also increased their arsenals by around 10 warheads each.

Meanwhile, the U.S. and Russia continued their disarmament in accordance with the new START treaty

that they signed in 2010. The U.S. reduced its number of warheads to 7,700 from 8,000, and Russia cut its arsenal to 8,500 from 10,000.

However, at the same time the U.S., Russia, France, China and Britain have all either deployed new nuclear weapon delivery systems or announced programs to do so, SIPRI said.

"There is little to inspire hope that the nuclear weapon-possessing states are genuinely willing to give up their nuclear arsenals,"

SIPRI researcher Shannon Kile said in a statement. "The long-term modernization programs under way in these states suggest that nuclear weapons are still a marker of international status and power." □

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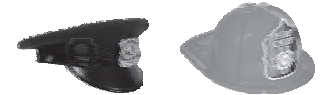
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# APNewsBreak: Atlantic puffins in peril in U.S.

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PORTLAND, Maine (AP) —

The Atlantic puffin population is at risk in the United States, and there are signs the seabirds are in distress in other parts of the world. In the Gulf of Maine, the comical-looking seabirds have been dying of starvation and losing body weight, possibly because of shifting fish populations as ocean temperatures rise, according to scientists. The survival rates of fledglings on Maine's two largest puffin colonies plunged last summer, and puffins are in declining health at the largest puffin colony in the Gulf, on a Canadian island about 10 miles (16 kilometers) off eastern Maine. Dozens of emaciated birds were found washed ashore in Massachusetts and Bermuda this past winter, likely victims of starvation.

Whether dead puffins will continue washing up on shore and puffin chick survival rates will stay low remains to be seen. But there are enough signals suggesting that puffins and other seabirds could be in trouble, said Rebecca Holberton, a professor at the University of Maine who has studied puffins for years. "It's our marine canary in a coal mine, if you will," Holberton said.

The situation has drawn the attention of scientists at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Northeast Fisheries Science Center in Woods Hole, Massachusetts, who are looking at how shifting fish populations can affect the productivity of puffins, as well as Arctic terns. With its colorful striped beak, pear-shaped body and amusing waddle, the Atlantic puffin is sometimes called the clown of the sea. It's also held up as a poster child for successful seabird restoration.

An estimated 6 to 8 million puffins live across the North Atlantic, from Maine to northern Russia. But they almost disappeared from Maine after settlers hunted them in the late 1800s for



In this file photo made in July 2007 an Atlantic puffin with a beak crammed with hake makes its way to a burrow to feed its chick, Monday July 9, 2007, on Eastern Egg Rock, Maine.

Associated Press



This file photo provided by Mark Faherty shows a dead puffin found on a Cape Cod beach in Truro, Mass., in January 2013.

food, eggs and feathers. By 1901, only one pair of puffins nested in Maine, on remote Matinicus Rock. Steve Kress, director of the

National Audubon Society's seabird restoration program, has worked to restore and maintain the puffin population off the

Maine coast for the past 40 years. Puffins spend most of their lives at sea, coming ashore only to breed each spring before returning to the ocean in August. The chicks swim to sea about 40 days after hatching and typically return to the islands after two years.

More than 2,000 of the birds are now in Maine, the vast majority on three islands. But the chick survival rates on the two largest colonies took a dive last summer, possibly because of a lack of herring, their primary food source, Kress said.

On Seal Island, a national wildlife refuge 20 miles (32 kilometers) offshore that's home to about 1,000 puffins, only 31 percent of the laid eggs produced fledglings, down from the five-year average of 77 percent. Similar numbers were experienced at Matinicus Rock, a nearby island with more than 800 birds.

Instead of feeding their young primarily herring, puffin parents were giving them large numbers of butterfish, a more southerly fish that's becoming more abundant in the Gulf

ing to death because the butterfish were too big and round for them to swallow, Kress said. Piles of uneaten butterfish were found next to some of the dead birds. Kress thinks the upward trend in Gulf of Maine water temperatures could be to blame, with last year's record readings causing butterfish to grow faster earlier in the season because of an early phytoplankton bloom, upon which they feed. With a low survival rate, unexplained die-offs and extreme ocean conditions washing away puffin burrows on Seal Island — something he's never seen before — Kress is concerned about what future years will bring.

The puffins in the Gulf of Maine are particularly vulnerable because they live on the outer edge of the bird's geographic range. Moreover, there are signs of distress elsewhere — die-offs in the North Sea and population declines in Iceland, home to more than half the world puffin population, and other places — that have raised fears that extreme weather and warmer ocean waters brought about by climate change may be affecting the birds.

"We don't know how the puffin will adapt to these changes — or if they'll adapt to these conditions," Kress said.

The Gulf of Maine's largest puffin colony — with more than 10,000 birds — is found on Machias Seal Island on the Maine-Canada border 10 miles (16 kilometers) off the eastern Maine coast. There, the average body weight of both adult and baby puffins has been on the decline, most likely because of a shortage of food, said Tony Diamond, a University of New Brunswick professor who studies puffins on Machias Seal. The amount of herring in the puffin's diet has been falling by about 5 percent a year, he said.

What's more, puffins on Machias Seal are breeding later this year than any time on record, another sign of stress, Diamond said. □

Associated Press

or perhaps more accessible to seabirds because they've moved higher up in the water column. But the chicks ended up starv-



# 'Fast 6' hangs onto first place at box office

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**AP Entertainment Writer**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — With its supercharged muscle cars, "Fast & Furious 6" raced to first place at the box office for the second consecutive weekend. The Universal Pictures release is expected to add another \$34.5 million to its North American ticket sales, keeping it in the No. 1 spot after opening to more than \$120 million over the Memorial Day holiday weekend.

Box office analyst Paul

Dergarabedian said the sixth installment in the street-racing franchise was "preordained to be No. 1 again." But in a season of sequels, three original films were among the most popular at cinemas over the weekend.

"Ordinarily, summer and sequel go together," he said. "This is a step in the direction of originality."

Among the new original offerings was the magic-heist thriller "Now You See Me," which exceeded industry expectations to debut in

second place with \$28.1 million. The Lionsgate/Summit Entertainment release features an ensemble cast, including Morgan Freeman, Michael Caine and Woody Harrelson, in a tale of illusionists who rob banks and share the spoils with their audience.

"It certainly has been magic for us to watch the numbers this weekend," said Richie Fay, Lionsgate's president of domestic distribution, who attributes the film's success to a "brilliant marketing campaign" and positive word of mouth.

"After Earth," the futuristic caper starring father-and-son team Will Smith and Jaden Smith, opened to \$27 million, good for third place but still disappointing for Sony Pictures.

"It's below our expectations here domestically," said Rory Bruer, Sony's president of worldwide distribution. But he anticipates it will play well overseas.

"We feel very good about the potential of the film on a worldwide basis," he said. "It will open 60 countries next week."

Fox's animated "Epic" and Paramount's "Star

Jawaani Hai Deewani." It opened in 162 theaters in the United States and Canada Friday and earned \$1.6 million, good for eighth place.

"It's very unusual, but Bol-



This film publicity image released by Universal Pictures shows Gina Carano, left, and Michelle Rodriguez in a scene from "Fast & Furious 6." Associated Press

Trek: Into Darkness" tied for fourth place with \$16.4 million each, while "The Hangover Part III" was fifth with \$15.9 million.

Also edging into the top 10 was the Indian film "Yeh

lywood films sometimes do crack into the top 20 or top 15 (domestically)," Dergarabedian said. "They're usually not in that many theaters, but they make a big splash." □



In this Sunday, Aug. 9, 2009 file photo, Lou Reed performs at the Lollapalooza music festival, in Chicago. Associated Press

## Wife: Lou Reed recovering after liver transplant

**LONDON (AP)** — Rock icon Lou Reed is recovering after a life-saving liver transplant in the U.S., according to an interview with his wife published Saturday in a British newspaper.

Laurie Anderson told the Times of London that Reed "was dying" before the operation several weeks ago at Ohio's Cleveland Clinic. She said 71-year-old Reed isn't back to full strength, but "he's already working and doing t'ai chi."

"I don't think he'll every totally recover from this, but he'll certainly be back to doing (things) in a few months," she said.

"I'm very happy. It's a new life for him."

Anderson, a musician

and performance artist, praised the Cleveland facility — one of the leading transplant centers in the U.S. — and said hospitals in the couple's hometown of New York were "dysfunctional." Reed, who has spoken of his past alcohol and drug use, co-founded influential 1960s group The Velvet Underground, whose songs included the addiction-themed "Heroin" and "I'm Waiting for the Man." Solo works include "Walk on the Wild Side" and "Perfect Day."

Reed had earlier canceled a series of dates planned for April. His management didn't immediately respond to a request for comment. □

## Beyonce headlines London charity concert for women

**LONDON (AP)** — Beyonce and a few famous friends — including John Legend, Jennifer Lopez and Madonna — turned the home of English rugby into a fortress for women's rights at a star-studded charity concert. Beyonce headlined a concert at Twickenham rugby stadium in London in support of Chime for Change, a campaign set up to help empower girls and women around the world. The singer, sporting a slinky leather body suit, had the 50,000-strong crowd in a frenzy when she performed "Crazy In Love" — joined onstage by husband Jay-Z.

She also performed hits including "Single Ladies (Put A Ring On It)," "Run The World (Girls)," "Halo" and the Destiny's Child classic "Survivor."

"It's time for change. Let's chime for change. This is such an incredible night for me," said the 31-year-old star. Earlier, Simon Le Bon

performed with Timbaland, and J-Lo and Mary J. Blige sang The Beatles' "Come Together," as a raft of stars united for the Sound of Change Live show, which also featured John Legend, Florence + The Machine and Rita Ora.

Madonna, Freida Pinto, Aishwarya Rai, Jada Pinkett Smith, James Franco, Ryan Reynolds, Jessica Chastain and feminist icon Gloria Steinem were among the presenters. Even Prince Harry sent a videotaped message of support.

Beyonce is co-founder, with actress-producer Salma Hayek Pinault and Gucci creative director Frida Giannini, of the charity, which supports projects improving access to education, health care and justice for women.

Partner organizations include UNICEF, the Global Fund for Women and Plan International.

Giannini said she was grateful for Prince Harry's



Beyonce performs at The Sound of Change Live at Twickenham Stadium in London on Saturday, June 1st, 2013. Associated Press

involvement, because "it's very important in projects like that, talking about women that some very strong male personalities are with us."

Hayek Pinault said Beyonce was the best possible ambassador for the cause. "Do you know that everybody in her band is a girl?" she said. "I mean talk about woman power." □



## Matt Smith leaving lead role in BBC's 'Doctor Who'



Actor Matt Smith from "Doctor Who" attends the 72nd Annual Peabody Awards at the Waldorf-Astoria on Monday, May 20, 2013 in New York. Associated Press

**LONDON (AP)** — Who will be the new Who?

The BBC says Matt Smith is stepping down from the lead role in long-running sci-fi series "Doctor Who," spurring intense speculation about his replacement.

The broadcaster said Sunday that Smith will leave after a November episode to mark the show's 50th anniversary, and a Christmas special. The titular Doctor is a time-traveling, extra-terrestrial Time Lord who can regenerate into new bodies. Smith is the 11th actor to play the character since the series began in 1963.

Smith, who took over the role from David Tennant in 2010, said playing the Doctor had been "the most brilliant experience for me as an actor and a bloke." "Doctor Who" is one of the BBC's most popular programs, and Smith's tenure has seen the show gain new fans in the United States, where it is shown on BBC America.

The BBC did not announce Smith's replacement, but fans took to the Internet to speculate about casting of the 12th Doctor.

Bookmaker William Hill made "Being Human" star Russell Tovey and "Harry Potter" alumnus Rupert Grint 10-1 favorites, followed by stage star Rory Kinnear and "Homeland" actor David Harewood. □

## Jolie joins Pitt at 'World War Z' London premiere



Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie arrive for the World Premiere of World War Z at a central London cinema, Sunday, June 2, 2013.

Associated Press

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**LONDON (AP)** — Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie stepped out together Sunday at the premiere of zombie thriller "World War Z" — Jolie's first public appearance since announcing last month that she had undergone a double mastectomy.

The couple said they had been moved by the outpouring of public support that followed Jolie's disclosure.

Jolie told reporters she felt great, and had "been very happy to see the discussion about women's health expanded" by her announcement.

"And after losing my mom to these issues, I'm very grateful for it, and I've been very moved by the kind of support from people," she said.

Jolie revealed last month in an op-ed piece for The New York Times that she had had her breasts re-

moved after discovering she has an inherited genetic mutation that puts her at high risk of breast and ovarian cancer.

Jolie's mother Marcheline Bertrand died from ovarian cancer at 56, and the actress' aunt died of breast cancer last month.

The 37-year-old actress revealed that, beginning in February, she underwent three surgeries — which she succeeded in keeping secret from the public — in which her breasts were removed, and later replaced by implants. She said the procedure had reduced her chance of developing breast cancer from 87 percent to under 5 percent.

On Sunday the couple walked a black, rather than red, carpet at the world premiere of "World War Z," which stars Pitt as a United Nations employee battling to save the world from a zombie apocalypse.

The pair wore complemen-

tary black outfits as they signed autographs for fans in Leicester Square.

Pitt said Jolie's mastectomy and subsequent revelation had been "a very moving experience" for the couple, who have six children.

"I have such respect for her," Pitt said.

"The fact that she would not be frightened of this, what she would have to go through to do this, to take this specter away from our family and ensure that she would be there longer for our family, and the kids ... I get very emotional about it.

"I did not expect what a tipping point, how much it would mean for others to hear her stories, others that might be wrestling with the same things," he added.

Rockband Muse performed an outdoor concert Sunday for the premiere of the shot-in-Britain film, which producers hope will be a summer blockbuster. □



In this Feb. 12, 2012 file photo, Bruno Mars arrives at the 54th annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

## AP source: Bruno Mars' mother dies at age 55

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AP Entertainment Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The mother of Grammy-winning pop star Bruno Mars has died in Hawaii.

Bernadette Hernandez died Saturday of a brain aneurysm, according to a publicist for Mars' label, Atlantic Records, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the person was not authorized to speak on the record.

Hernandez was 55 years old. She died in Honolulu at Queens Medical Center; no other information was given.

Mars is one of pop's top acts with several No. 1 hits including his most recent, "When I Was Your Man." His mother, a hula dancer and a singer who immigrated from the Philippines, nurtured her son's interest in music at an early age. □



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## Is force-feeding torture?



Joe Nocera

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Nearly four months into a hunger strike that has now spread to some two-thirds of the detainees at the prison in Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, the question in this headline can no longer be avoided.

Fundamentally, hunger strikes are a form of speech for prisoners who have no other way to communicate their concerns. Hunger strikes give them the means to protest their confinement and to send a message about that confinement. During the "troubles" in Ireland, for instance, Irish Republican Army prisoners went on hunger strikes to protest their detention by the British - and some ended up being force-fed. For decades, the international community, including the International Red Cross, the World Medical Association and the United Nations, have recognized the right of prisoners of sound mind to go on a hunger strike. Force-feeding has been labeled a violation on the ban of cruel, inhuman and degrading punishment. The World Medical Association holds that it is unethical for a doctor to participate in force-feeding. Put simply, force-feeding violates international law. Whatever triggered the hunger strike at Guantánamo - the detainees say that the military had begun searching their Qurans and instituted a series of harsh new measures, which the military denies - the underlying issue is that the detainees are in despair of ever getting out. Many of them, including 56 men from Yemen, have been cleared to leave the prison by a committee of top national security officials. But thanks to a combination of congressional actions taken during the past few years, and the timidity of President Barack Obama, they remain in Guantánamo with no end in sight. The hunger strike has been their way of reminding the world of their continued imprisonment, and it has worked brilliantly. One wonders whether Obama would have even mentioned Guantánamo in his big national security speech last week if not for the hunger strikers.

The military claims that it is force-feeding the detainees in order to keep them safe and alive. According to The Miami Herald,

about one-third of the detainees on strike - at least 35 men, though possibly more - are being force-fed. A handful are in the hospital.

Not long ago, however, Al-Jazeera got ahold of a 30-page document that detailed the standard operating procedures used by the military to force-feed a detainee. The document makes for gruesome reading: the detainee shackled to a special chair (which looks like the electric chair); the head restraints if he resists; the tube pushed painfully down his nose; the half-hour or so of ingestion of nutritional supplements; the transfer of the detainee to a "dry cell," where, if he vomits, he is strapped back into the chair until the food is digested.

Detainees are also apparently given an anti-nausea drug called Reglan, which has a horrible potential side effect if given for more than three months: a disease called tardive dyskinesia, which causes twitching and other uncontrollable movements. "This drug is very scary," said Cori Crider, the legal director of Reprieve, a London-based group that represents more than a dozen detainees. "My fear is that it is being administered without their consent," she added. Although the military refuses to discuss the use of Reglan - or any aspect of force-feeding - that's a pretty safe bet.

The lawyers representing the detainees would like to file a motion in federal court to stop the force-feeding, but there is a Catch-22. They can't go to court without the consent of their clients - and thanks to another set of harsh new protocols, including the genital and anal searches I wrote about last week, most clients are now refusing to talk to their lawyers.

Even before the force-feeding procedures were leaked, international organizations were protesting the practice. The U.N. Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights released a statement in early May calling the continued detention in Guantánamo a "flagrant violation of international human rights law" and categorizing the force-feeding at the prison as "cruel, inhuman and degrading." Dr. Steven Miles, a professor of medicine and bioethics at the University of Minnesota, who has done a great deal of research into the practice of force-feeding, said: "The persistence of the military's force-feeding policy in the face of international law, and the manner in which it is done, constitutes torture."

Here is the most infuriating part. Obama is on record as saying that America should never practice torture. He has also, of course, called for Guantánamo to be closed down.

Without question, any effort he might make to shut down the prison would be met with resistance in Congress; it's already begun. □



## The romantic advantage



David Brooks

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In the race to be the world's dominant economy, Americans have at least one clear advantage over the Chinese. We're much better at branding. U.S. companies have these eccentric failed novelists and personally difficult visionary founders who are fantastic at creating brands that consumers around the world flock to and will pay extra for. Chinese companies are terrible at this. Every few years, Chinese officials say they're going to start an initiative to create compelling brands, and the results are always disappointing.

According to a recent survey by HD Trade services, 94 percent of Americans cannot name even a single brand from the world's second-largest economy. Whatever else they excel at, Chinese haven't been able to produce a style of capitalism that is culturally important, globally attractive and spiritually magnetic.

Why? Brand managers who've worked in China say their executives tend to see business deals in transactional, not in relationship terms. As you'd expect in a country that has recently emerged from poverty, where competition is fierce, where margins are thin, where corruption is prevalent and trust is low, the executives there are more likely to take a short-term view of their exchanges.

But if China is ever going to compete with developed economies, it'll have to go through a series of phase shifts. Creating effective brands is not just thinking like a low-end capitalist, only more so. It is an entirely different mode of thought. Think of Ralph Laifshitz longing to emulate WASP elegance and creating the Ralph Lauren brand. Think of the young Stephen Gordon pining for the graciousness of the Adirondack lodges and creating Restoration Hardware. Think of Nike's mythos around the ideal of athletic perseverance.

People who create great brands are usually seeking to fulfill some inner longing of their own, some dream of living on a higher plane or with a cooler circle of friends. Many of the greatest brand makers are in semirevolt against commerce itself. The person who probably has had the most influence on the feel of contemporary American capitalism, for example, is the aptly named Stewart Brand. He was the hippie, you will recall, who created the Whole Earth Catalog. That compendium of countercultural advice appeared to tilt against corporate America. But it was embraced by Steve Jobs, Steve Wozniak and many other high-tech pioneers. Brand himself created the term personal computer. As early as 1972, he understood that computers, which were just geeky pieces of metal and plastic, could be seen in cool, countercultural and revolutionary terms. We take the ethos of Silicon Valley and Apple for granted, but people like Brand gave it the aura, inspiring thousands of engineers and designers and hundreds of millions of consumers. Seth Siegel, the co-founder of Beanstalk, a brand management firm, says branding "decommoditizes a commodity." It coats meaning around a product. It demands a quality of experience with the consumer that has to be reinforced at every touch point, at the store entrance, in the rest rooms, on

the shopping bags. The process of branding itself is essentially about the expression and manipulation of daydreams. It owes as much to romanticism as to business school.

In this way, successful branding can be radically unexpected. The most anti-establishment renegades can be the best anticipators of market trends. The people who do this tend to embrace commerce even while they have a moral problem with it - former hippies in the Bay Area, luxury artists in Italy and France or communitarian semi-socialists in Scandinavia. These people sell things while imbuing them with more attractive spiritual associations. The biggest threat to the creativity of American retail may be that we may have run out of countercultures to co-opt. We may have run out of anti-capitalist ethos to give products a patina of cool. We may be raising a generation with few qualms about commerce, and this could make them less commercially creative. But China has bigger problems. It is very hard for a culture that doesn't celebrate dissent to thrive in this game. It's very hard for a culture that encourages a natural deference to authority to do so. It's very hard for a country where the powerful don't instinctively seek a dialogue with the less powerful to keep up. It seems likely that the Chinese will require a few more cultural revolutions before it can brand effectively and compete at the top of the economic food chain. At some point, if you are going to be the world's leading economy, you have to establish relationships with consumers. You have to put aside the things that undermine trust, like intellectual property theft and cyberterrorism, and create the sorts of brands that inspire affection and fantasy. Until it can do this, China may statistically possess the world's largest economy, but it will not be a particularly consequential one. □



# \$150 million reboot for Hollywood Temple to Stars

**JOHN ROGERS**

**Associated Press**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — From its very beginnings, the imposing marble edifice with the glistening copper dome rising 100 feet (30 meters) above the edge of downtown Los Angeles has been a major Hollywood production.

During the Golden Era, MGM co-founder Louis B. Mayer, along with fellow movie moguls Irving Thalberg, Carl Laemmle and the Warner brothers, helped bankroll the cavernous Wilshire Boulevard Temple, which debuted in 1929 as the cornerstone of the largest Jewish congregation west of Chicago.

The Tinseltown synagogue became known as the "Temple to the Stars" and served as the featured set location for everything from A-list weddings to an episode of the cable TV show "Entourage" about a young film star and his circle of friends.

Now, in the grand tradition of long-running Hollywood



In this Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2013, photo, a construction worker walks past Wilshire Boulevard Temple in Los Angeles.

**Associated Press**

awesome," said prominent Los Angeles public relations executive Steve Sugerman, whose family connections to the congregation go back to its founding. After the planned sneak preview in mid-June, re-



In this Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2013, photo, a man takes a photo of the interior of Wilshire Boulevard Temple in Los Angeles.

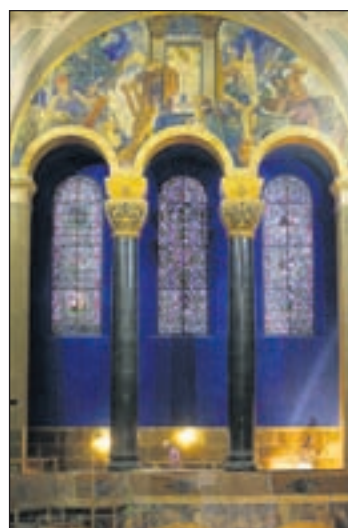
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franchises, LA's oldest synagogue is getting a \$150 million reboot — just in time for summer release.

In the coming weeks, the sanctuary's ornate front doors will open for the first time in nearly two years, allowing the public to see a restoration that includes newly repaired giant chandeliers and refurbished murals depicting the history of Judaism by the great film artist Hugo Ballin.

"I've peeked in to see it, and it's inspiring and sort of

ligious services are to resume in time for the High Holy Days in September. But that's just the beginning. By 2020, synagogue leaders plan to have overhauled the entire block of Wilshire Boulevard that the temple occupies, replacing a parking lot with schools, a public exhibition space and a social services center that will include a food pantry and medical, dental and other services that will be open to everyone in the multiethnic neighborhood.



In this Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2013, photo, the interior of Wilshire Boulevard Temple is shown in Los Angeles.

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"We call it tikkun olam," says Rabbi Steven Z. Leder, citing the tenet of Judaism that directs its practitioners to make the world a better place. "We take this imperative to help improve and repair our world very seriously." When he became the congregation's senior pastor nine years ago, Leder and his board of directors quickly realized one of their first tasks in accomplishing that goal would be doing something about the aging temple. It may have been a Hollywood blockbuster when it opened three-quarters of a century earlier, but it was beginning to fall apart.

While the 4,000-pipe temple organ could still produce the music of angels,



In this Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2013, photo, a worker cleans the stained glass inside the Wilshire Boulevard Temple in Los Angeles.

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and the intricate stained-glass windows continued to send into the sanctuary an astounding array of colors that changed with the time of day, some other parts of the building had been made out of cheap studio back lot-quality materials. Like so many things in the movie business, parts of the building are not what they seem, said the temple's executive director, Howard Kaplan, as he led a recent tour through the building while restorers hammered and drilled away.

"This is concrete molded with rubber so it will look like wood, and they painted it to look like wood. But it's not wood," he said of what restorers discovered when they began to renovate a hallway leading into the

main sanctuary.

The building's majestic copper dome, he noted, had originally been made out of tile — and apparently not very good tile, at that. It began to leak almost immediately and was replaced more than 70 years ago.

Thus, the congregation might have abandoned the building, as Hollywood often does with old, worn-out movie sets.

Wilshire Boulevard Temple already had more modern satellite campuses in West Los Angeles and Malibu, and over the years the neighborhood just west of downtown had changed.

Once it was part of the Mid-Wilshire District and home to the city's movers and

shakers. Today, it's called Koreatown and is one of the most ethnically diverse neighborhoods in the city, made up not only of Koreans but also Latinos, Japanese, Filipinos and others, including many recently arrived immigrants.

It was that diaspora, however, coupled with the building's historic Hollywood pedigree, that strengthened Leder's resolve to stay.

The stunning Ballin murals had been commissioned by the Warner Bros. studio and presented to the temple the day it opened.

The temple's founding rabbi, Edgar Magnin, had presided over the funerals of comedy greats Jack Benny and George Jessel. □